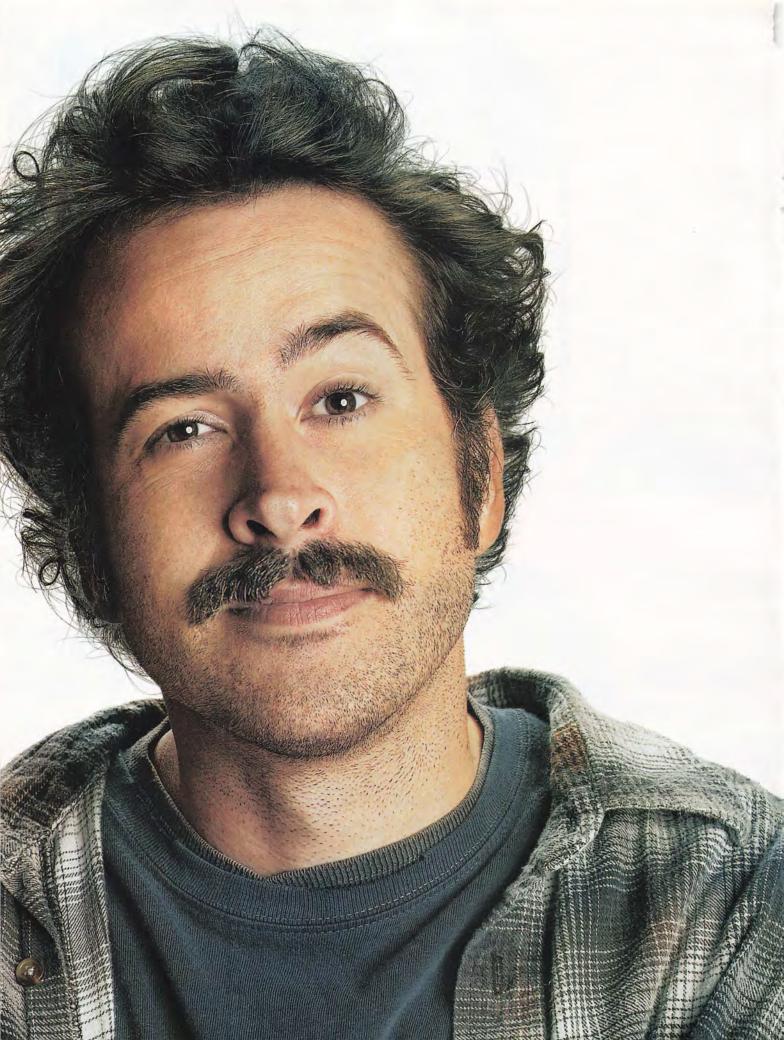


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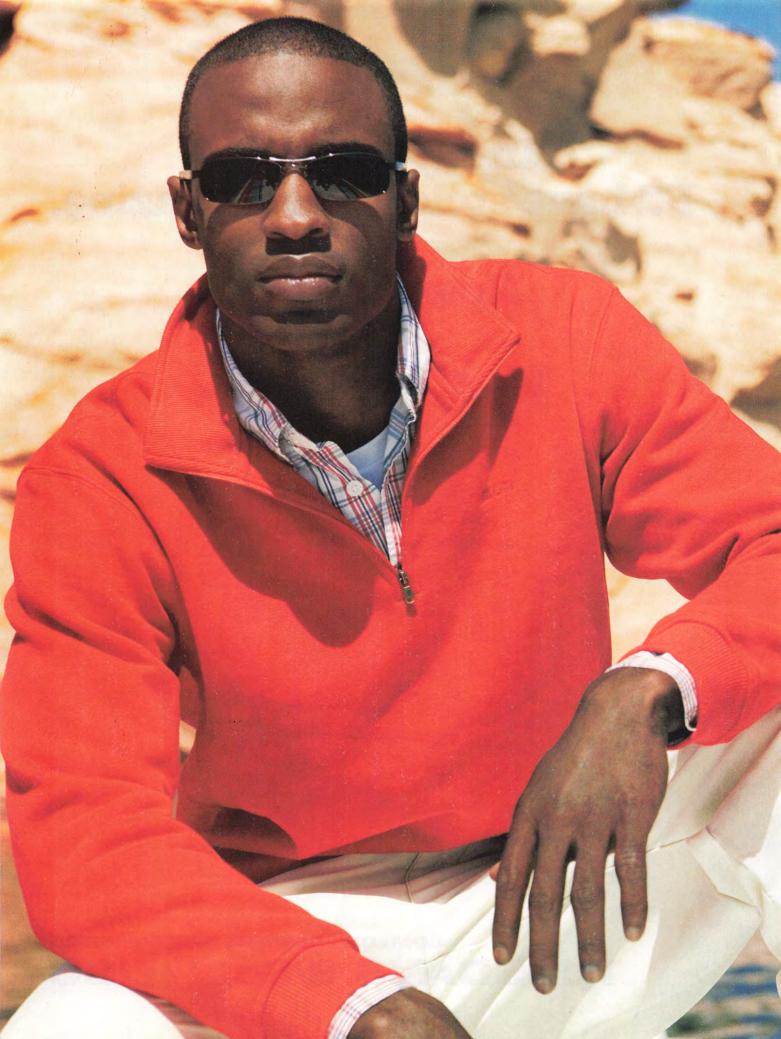
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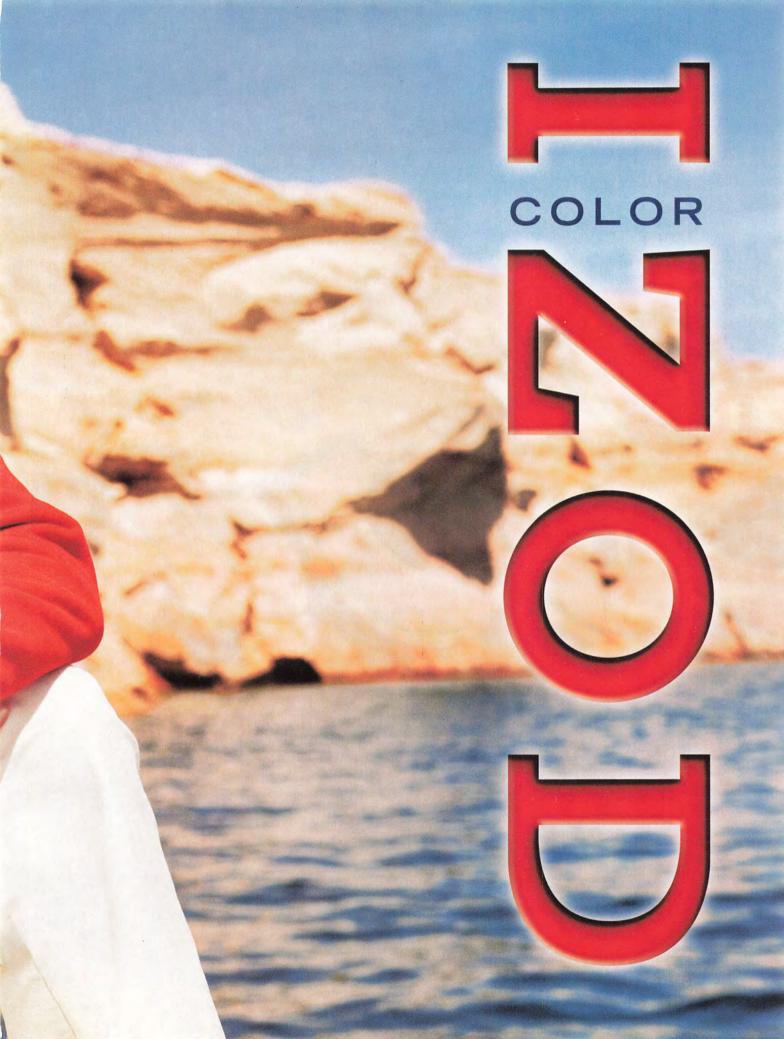
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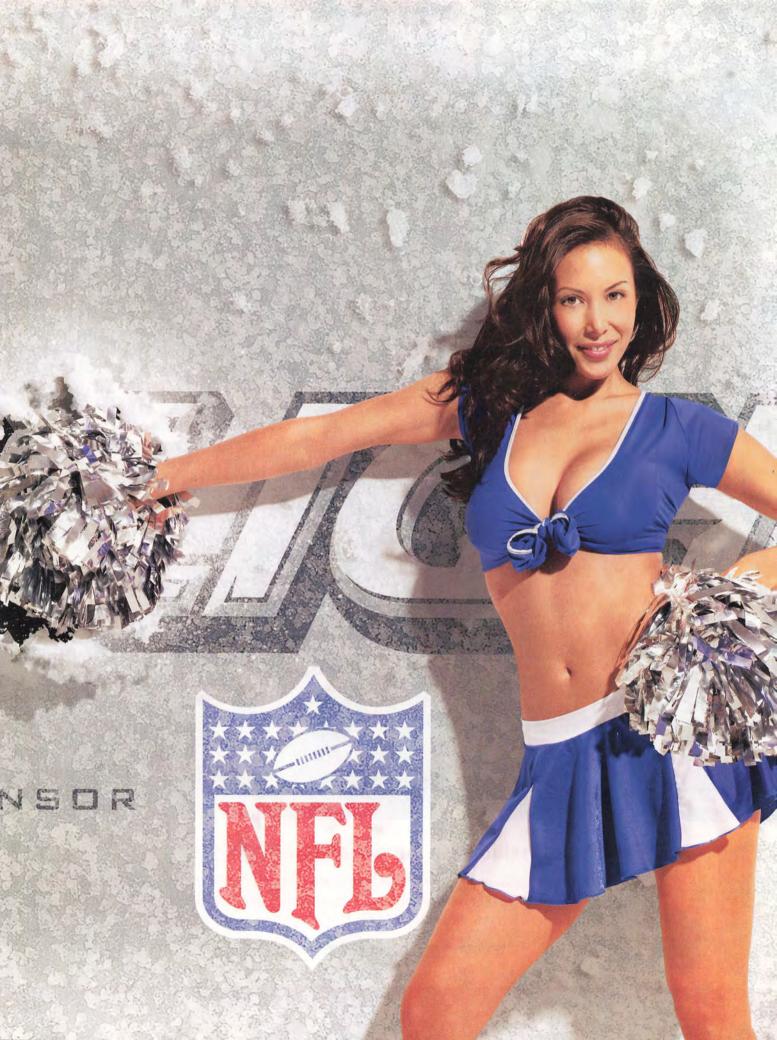


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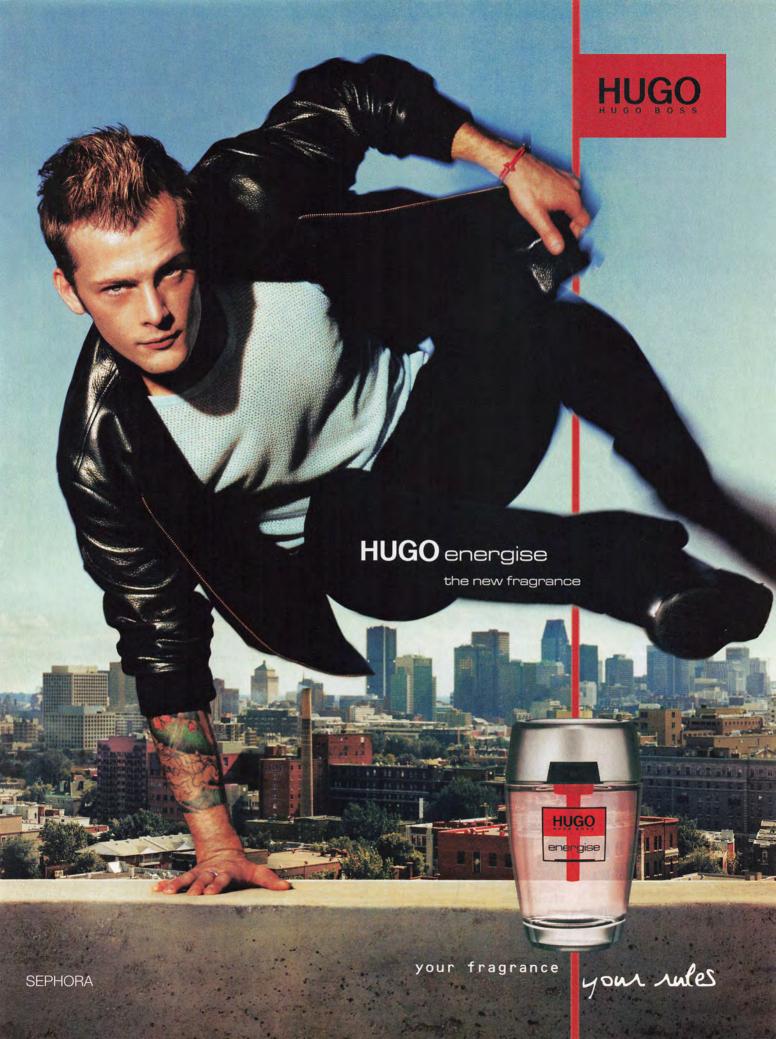


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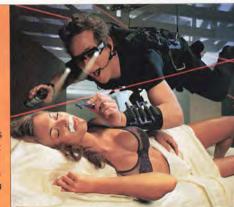
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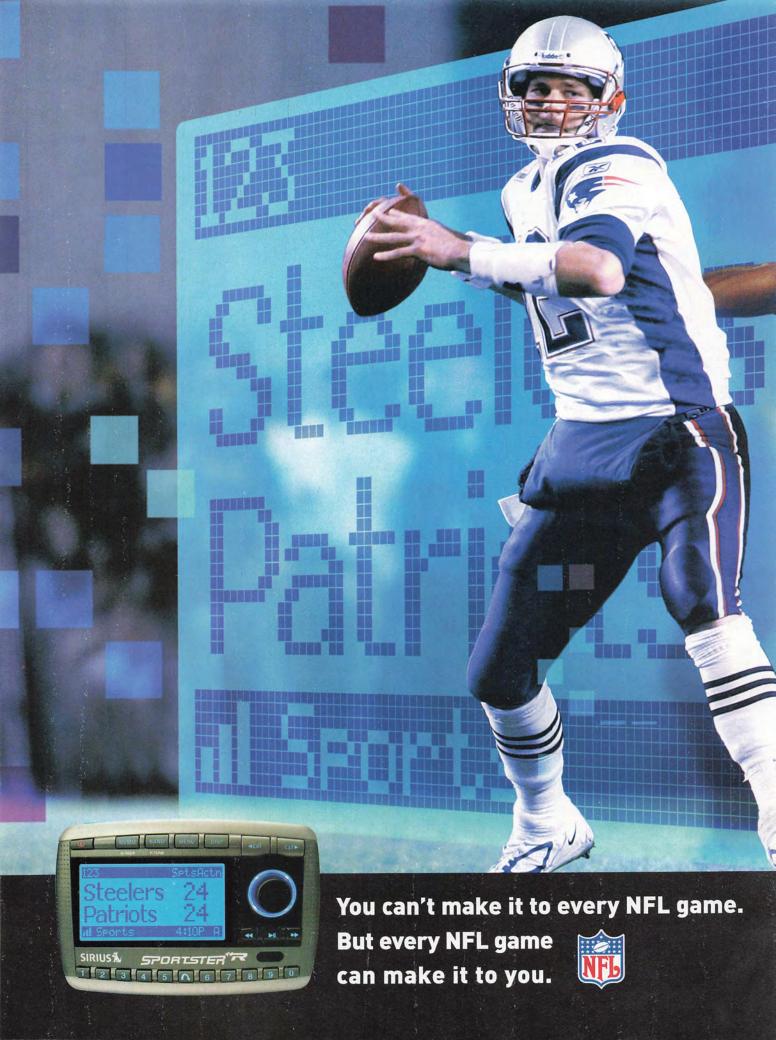
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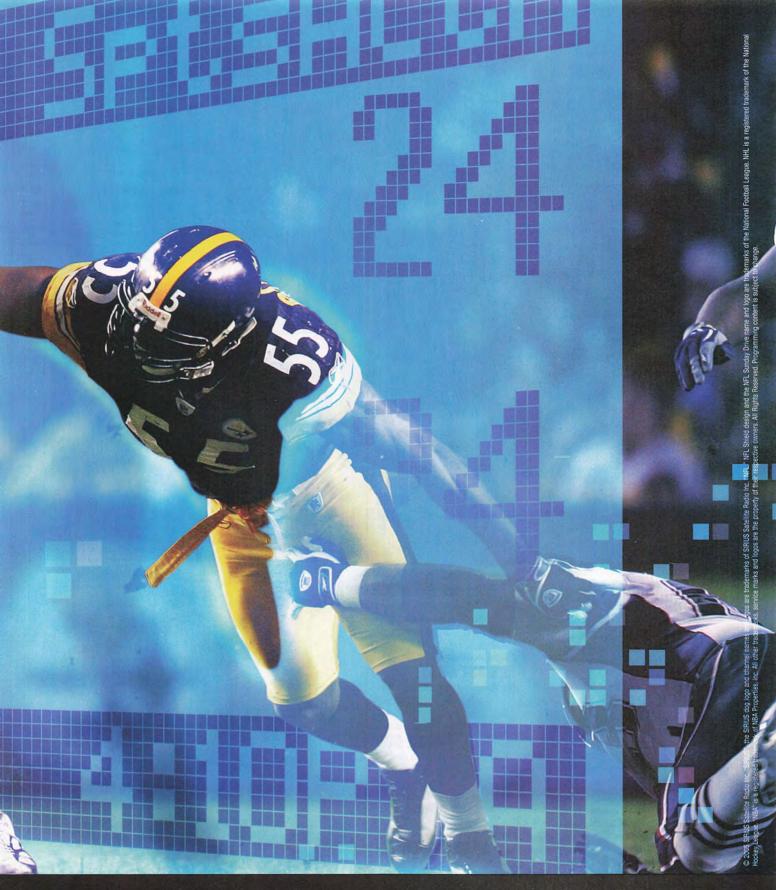
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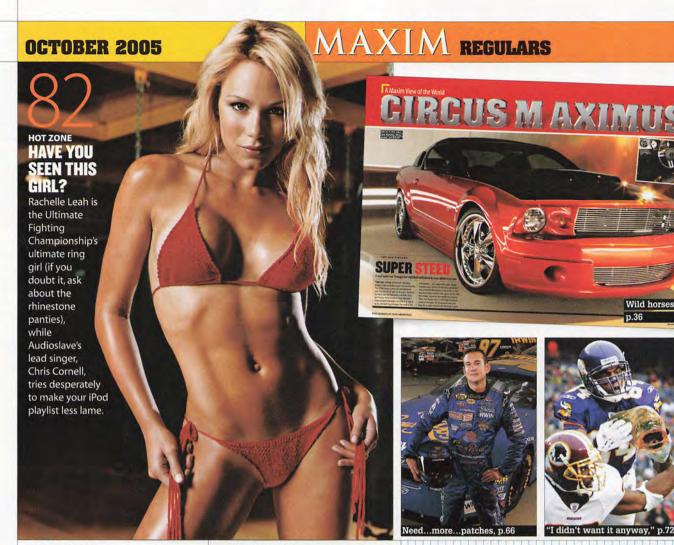






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# MAXIM STYLE SEASON **OF ROCK**

We outfit a few of our favorite bands. Plus, check out these T-shirts for anyone with a love of music and a torso.











# ON THE COVER: VANESSA MINNILLO



The music industry has long been a business of spoiled whiners, but the sheer volume of complaint in recent years has reached deafening levels. If it's not the megalabels wheedling to anyone who'll listen about how "pirates" (i.e., students-considerably less ferocious) are stealing their music, it's fans grumbling about ticket prices. Not to mention the shrieking puritans who have nothing better to do than monitor hip-hop lyrics and are still on medication to counter the effects of Janet Jackson flashing her breast at them. Then there's unhappy Metallica and their documentary, Metallica: Some Kind of Monster, in which Lars Ulrich and James Hetfield moan the audience into a coma while Kirk "Lukewarm Water" Hammett rides his horses around his ranch with the sort of bewildered and hurt expression rarely found outside daytime soap operas. Beware, Metallica-the gods of rock do not look kindly on favorite sons broadcasting their therapy sessions.

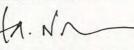
Anyway, to counter some of the music industry's current ailments, I propose the following remedies:

1. A Thin Lizzy revival. Clearly, poor dead Phil Lynott is not about to rise from his grave, but no band ever had a greater fondness for outlaws: cowboys, soldiers of fortune, escaping prisoners, motorcycle gangs, and more. I feel that were we able to seek his opinion on the problem of piracy, he would declare it a most excellent development. Piracy good. End of debate.

2. Organized crime to take over the running of the record business. The quality of music was so much higher when the industry was largely in the hands of hustlers and crooks, so begone, faceless corporations with your balance sheets and preposterous suites of offices! (If an infinite number of mobsters dangled an infinite number of record company executives over the balcony by the ankles, would one of them even-

tually scream "Immigrant Song"?) 3. All bands to play in venues that fit no more than 1,000 people. Arenas are for comic book conventions, and outdoor shows cause trench foot and skin cancer. Set the volume at a level that could vaporize pigeons, add a few overzealous bouncers for atmosphere, and you'll never need therapy again!

Enjoy our music issue.



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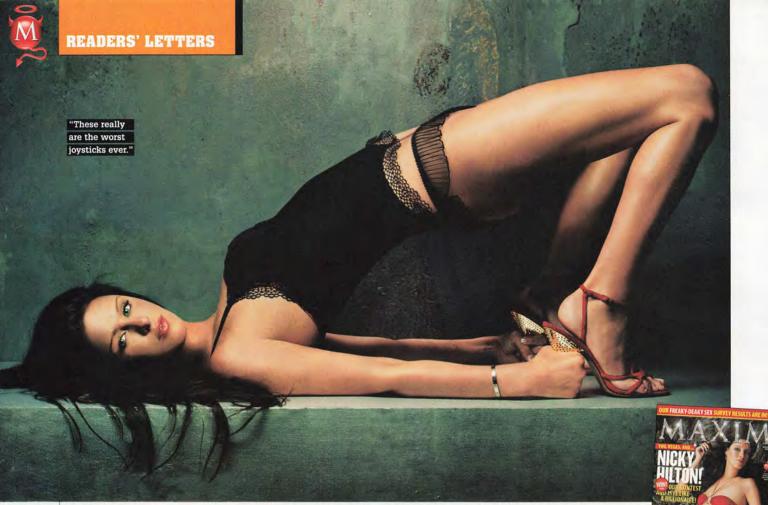
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# **WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?**

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# **GO FISH**

While most of your readers take your magazine to new heights, I decided to take it to new lows-very low, in

fact. One hundred thirty feet underwater while I was scuba-diving in Truk Lagoon, to be exact. Here I am with a Maxim in front of a bombed-out Japanese ship from WWII. Much like myself, I had to wrap it up when going that deep and wet in a strange place. Who says men are shallow?

# **Travis Cohen** Los Angeles, CA

Much like yourself, did it also shrivel up like a Shrinky Dink?



Your article about the power of bacon ["Bacon Goods," August] was awesome. I've been putting bacon on everything from ice cream to cereal for years. I love the stuff. Finally, someone had the common sense to go and tell the whole world how much better a little bacon can make something. My goal is to eventually get my wife to welcome bacon into the bedroom. Got any advice about how I can convince her to let more than one pig get involved in our sex life?

# C. Crabtree

# Via e-mail

Maybe you should ask that other guy she's undoubtedly sleeping with, Boss Hogg.

# Offensive Line, Man

Your magazine always claims to be behind the troops and behind the U.S., but when you publish captions like "There's gotta be an easier way to pay for college," like you did in your August issue, you take away from the entire concept and history of the U.S. military. People fail to realize that the military is a volunteer force, to protect people like you. In the military, college money is great, but the real reasons for joining are pride, honor, and defending your country.

# **Appreciative Citizen** Via e-mail

We're sorry for offending you, Mr. Citizen. No one supports the troops more than we do. We're just jealous because we flunked out of kindergarten.

# **Stone Cold**

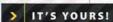
I was reading the August issue, and the pictures of Nicky Hilton were so smoking hot that I asked my fiancée to get up and get me something to drink. She got an ice-cold glass of water...and poured it right on me and my magazine and told me to "cool off." I said she has to buy me another issue. Was I too harsh?

# Andrew Zellner Galion, OH

At least she didn't hand you a bug zapper first. Our eyebrows still haven't resurfaced.

# Pinko Slip

What's the deal with the "Screwed Heroes" article by Sean Cunningham in your July issue? I can't believe he was able to subtly sympathize with commies and turn the facts into some leftwing shit. I know he'd deny it, but anyone who doesn't condemn communism is a



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AUGUST'S WINNER



"For Christ's sake, Willy, which part of 'free' don't you understand?"

—Bob Shaunessey, Cameron, NC

sympathizer. And it's clear from the comments he made that Cunningham is too.

# Randy Abair Nashville, TN

Don't be so quick to bash on sympathizers, Randy. Without them and their electronic harmonies, we would never have been blessed with Europe's "Final Countdown"!

### **Fake Two**

A couple of months ago, you featured Ellen Degeneres' head on someone else's body [Women You'll Never See in Maxim, Circus Maximus, July]. In August you did Condoleezza Rice. I was amazed and told all my friends about it. One of my friends called me an idiot and brought to my attention the fact that they weren't real. Apparently, I missed the entire point of the picture and the big "100% Fake"

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on it. He was right. I was an idiot, and I'm also out half a box of Kleenex—from crying, that is.

# Steve Lawnorder Via e-mail

Ha-ha. That's a good one. "Friends." You almost had us there, Steve.

# **Hulk's Just Smashing**

The interview you did with Hulk Hogan ["Incredible Hulk," August] was rad. I've been a wild and crazy Hulkamaniac since I was 10 years old, and I was totally thrilled to hear what he had to say. I remember watching him on television as a kid and wishing I could grow up to be just like him.

# A. Bloomberg Battle Creek, MI

We're sure your parents remember the feeling of utter disappointment as well.

# **Grow a Spine**

My friend has issues 84 to 90 lying in a stack in the hallway, and I noticed that the spines formed an image of a blonde woman with a yellow boa, a pearl bracelet, and a purse...and a bearded man's face with glasses. I tried looking online, but I couldn't find any info. How long does this picture go back? Is there a theme? I'm curious.

# Robi

# Via e-mail

Congratulations! You spotted our production editor, Andrij, enjoying a nice weekend in drag. Lucky for you, we couldn't print his bottom half.

# In the Bank

In your August issue, there was an Ask Anything answer that explained the concept of the World Bank. I had to read it five or six times before even starting to understand your

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Before letting them go, one reader found a way to track the movement (and mating habits) of his old *Maxims*.

"My fiancée has been after me to get rid of all my back issues," claims whipped 24-yearold Floridian Richard Paczkowski. "So I sent my issues to your Operation: Hottiedrop campaign. I saw all these pictures of soldiers with magazines, and I thought it'd be interesting to see what happens to my magazines after I've sent them out." Recently unemployed, and with oodles of spare time, Rich birthed hottiedrop.com, a Web site that monitors the magazines' progress once they hit the sandbox. Soldiers overseas can log on and input their issue's unique tracking number, then post comments about where they are, what they dug about the issue, and who's going to get it next. For his efforts, we're going to send Rich a portable grill and a ton of vintage Maxims, so he can tag 'em and set 'em free. And to his lovely fiancée? We're not telling-just make sure she takes a big whiff when she opens it.

supporting the troops, because we definitely support you guys.

LCPL Damion Ricketts, LCPL Guillermo Oyola, SPC Vargas Via e-mail

If only we had the same source of stability. And hornier sheep, for that matter.

# **Ermey Error**

I wanted to drop you guys a line and tell you how much I've enjoyed your magazine. I especially liked the "Be a Man, Dammit!" article in the August issue. Those guys are some serious badasses. That said, how in the hell could you screw up so badly with the rendering of R. Lee Ermey? Mr. Ermey's cover (which means "hat" to all you non-marines) has the U.S. Army drill sergeant insignia on it, which is a massive insult. I'd hate to be in your offices when he shows up pissed off with a Kbar.

# Terry Padilla Albuquerque, NM

Yikes. We apologize for the egregious error. And we also apologize in advance to our heinies for whatever a Kbar is.

# **Shattered Dream of the Month**

I'm wondering if you can please point me in the right direction for your magazine's editorial submission guidelines?

**Philip Benningfield** Salida, CO

Sure...they're over there.



# **Help Wanted**

In the last few months, you've published two different letters from closet-case Canadians and two more letters from some guy named "Dave" who must be in the witness protection program or something, because he left no last name. How is it that these guys deserve free schwag...twice? With that in mind, I'd like to let you know that I'm a guy who woke up one night to find my hockey player ex-boyfriend trying to kill me, so I am currently in hiding. Can you help?

**Shayne Cowell** Reno, NV

Absolutely. We'll send him a gun.

# **Short but Sweet**

You guys are God's gift to men.

Steve.v24

Via e-mail

Thanks, Dad. But we're still not sending you any more whiskey. M

"clarification." I even showed it to my father, who is a professor of economics. He couldn't understand it, either. Could you please explain it again in non-rocket-scientist terms?

# **Yisroel Meyer** Via e-mail

Here's the gist: It's a bank for the whole world. Your father's diploma doesn't happen to say "DeVry" on it anywhere, does it?

# **Mrazzed Up**

I'm writing in response to your review of Jason Mraz's new album, Mr. A-Z. While it may be a bit too clever and fast for you to understand, I guarantee that Mraz gets more action than your entire art-school-dropout staff combined. On behalf of Mraz, go fuck yourself, Maxim. me! I'm begging

# Scott Norman lowa

Well, if you measure "action" as a tally of "women" he's had "sex with," then, um, yes, he gets more of it. He still sucks, though. And your breath smells like his wiener.

# **Teguila Shots**

We're marines in Al Tagaddum, Iraq, and we love your magazine at Camp Tequila. The only thing that keeps our minds stable is the beautiful women we have back home. Thanks for

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# WIN OR LOSE

Cash in on your looks somewhere other than the freak tent at the circus.





LOOKING HOT IS HARD. GETTING FAMOUS ISN'T.

Has anyone ever told you SEE DOUBLE that you look just like Hilary Duff? Assuming you're a girl, that's a good thing, especially right now. Maxim is looking to find the most dead-on doppelgänger of a famous person. Whether you've got the sultry smile of Eva Longoria, the luscious lips of Angelina Jolie, or the flabby neck folds of Chris Farley, we want a gander. Take a head shot and send that digital sumbitch to lookalike@maximmag.com along with a pic of the celeb whose identity you've stolen. The most convincing pseudo-celebs will be plastered across the pages of a future issue, with exactly 15 minutes to milk the faux fame for all it's worth. Just think, you can sit VIP, give the finger to the paparazzi, and claim popular notoriety as your own, all in return for doing nothing remotely noteworthy—just like your average reality television star! So if anyone's ever told you,"Hey, you look like a seven-year-old Haley Joel Osment" (before you took your pants off), doll up and get to snapping. What have you got to lose? Besides more self-esteem.

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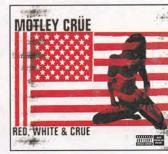
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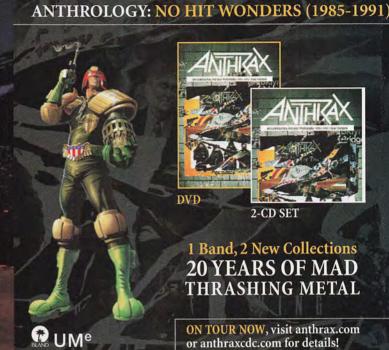
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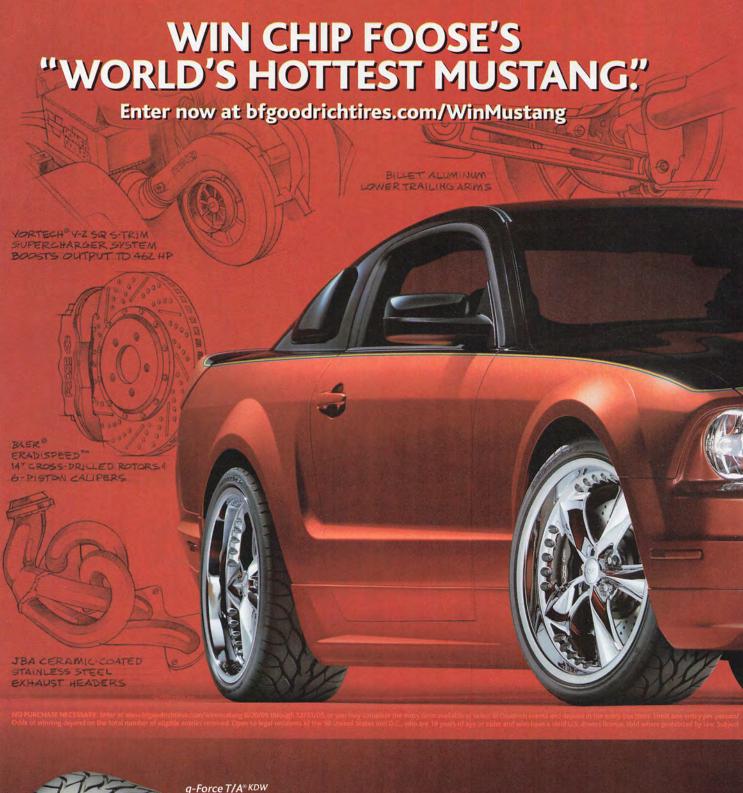




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And how come people in firstclass can just board whenever they want? When coach finally gets on the plane, the first-class people are already sitting there, sprawled out in their thrones.

"Bring me the head of a pig and a goblet of something cool and refreshing. Anyone have a fiddle? Make someone from coach fiddle. Amuse me."

A lot of them are working as you're boarding. They have computers out and calculators. They're looking up at you like, "Hey, we're making money right now! Right now we're making money! Now go get in back. Close that curtain. I don't wanna see you, not even in my peripheral. Snap it! Snap it shut!"

I like to sit in the back, but all the good meals run out. I poke my head out from row 199, and I can hear the good meals getting snagged.

"We have a turkey sandwich, a chicken guesadilla, and a...cold fish head."

Wonder what I'm gonna get? So when they get to the back, they have to do that flight attendant psychology game and pretend the good stuff never existed.

head? They're frozen solid! The eyeballs are in there, and the skeleton's coming out. It comes with a turnip and a spork!"

Pick up Brian Regan's new DVD, I Walked on the Moon, at his Web site, brianregan.com.

Q: What goes, "[click] Is that it? [click] Is that it? [click] Is that it?" A: A blind guy with a Rubik's Cube.



# **The Final Countdown**

A man comes home from work, sits down in his favorite chair, turns on the TV, and says to his wife, "Quick, bring me a beer before it starts." She's puzzled but goes and gets him a beer anyway.

The guy guickly downs the beer and says. "Quick, bring me another cold one. It's about to start." His wife huffs a little but still gets him another beer.

"One more before it starts!" the husband yells out after finishing off the second can.

"That's it!" his wife screams."I cook and clean and wash and iron all day long. Then you waltz in here, flop your fat ass down, and expect me to run around like your slave! If you think that's how it works, you've got another thing coming!"

"Damn," mutters the husband, "It started." —Shafi Khan, via e-mail



Q: How are Viagra and Disney World similar? A: Both make you stand around and wait an hour for a two-minute ride.

**Good Mourning** 

A widow goes on her first date since her husband's death, and afterward the two end up back at her place. Once in the bedroom, she takes off everything but her black panties.

"You can touch me anywhere else," she says, "but down there I'm still mourning."

"I figured as much," says the man. He then proceeds to pull down his pants and put on a black condom."If you don't mind, I'd like to offer my deepest condolences."

# Freedom Fighter

A guy on trial for murder decides to bribe a juror so he can escape the death penalty. He tells a blonde on the jury that he'll give her \$10,000 if she pushes for manslaughter. She agrees.

Days later the jury finds him guilty of manslaughter, and he's taken to jail. There he uses his one call to ring up the blonde juror.

"Thanks so much for saving me," he gushes. "No problem. But it wasn't easy," the blonde replies. "Everyone else wanted to acquit you."

### **Good Point**

Q: What's brown and sticky? A: A stick.

# **Friends in Low Places**

A man is sitting on a public toilet when the guy in the stall next to him says, "Hi, how are you?"

"Um, fine," answers the man.

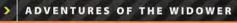
"What are you up to?" asks the other guy. "I'm traveling," the first guy says hesitantly. "Mind if I stop over?"

"What? Why the hell would you do that?" "Hey, I'll call you back," says the other guy. "The dipshit in the next stall keeps talkin' to me."



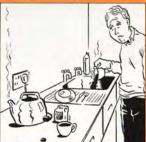
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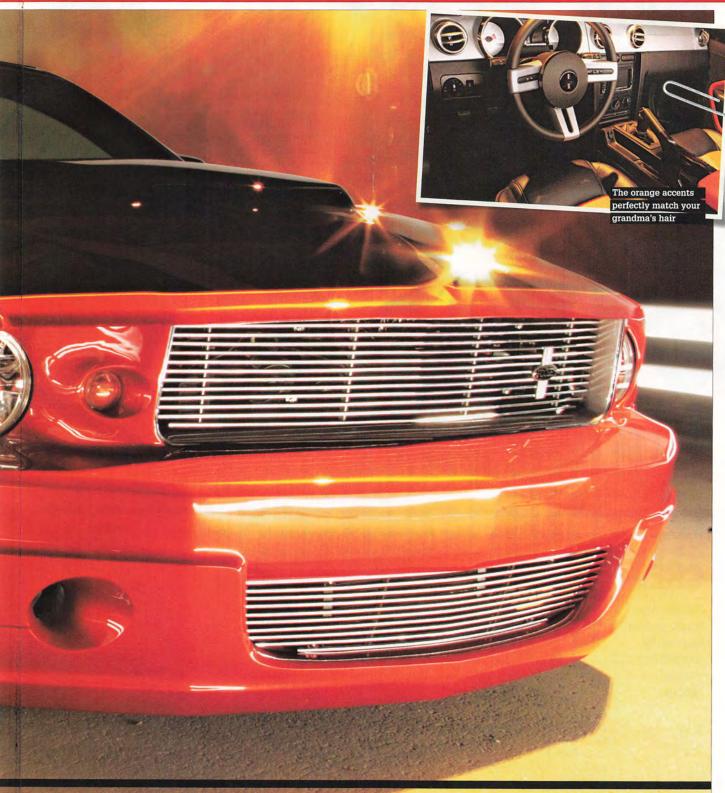
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-Matt Gaworksi, La Crosse, WI



#### **▼ RUNNER-UP**

Wait until the finale, where she expertly balances two on her chin.

-Edward Uhlman, Baltimore, MD



My cousin has fun with balls.

#### A RUNNER-UP

Either you do it, or Corn Man does it for you. And let's just say he doesn't use butter on his

scratchy husk hands. -M. Hess, Alton, IL

#### A RUNNER-UP

Finally, an easy way to make everyone else in the hot tub uncomfortable.

-Dennis Greenwald, Plymouth, MI

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# CHEAT SHEET

This kinky linen is a sex-position road map for your bed. Now all you need is a blind girl.

About to seal the deal but worried your lack of sexual creativity will result in another bout of missionary-induced narcolepsy? Grace your Hide-A-Bed with these Sheets Gone Wild and enjoy the handiness of having

35 line drawings

depicting Kama-sutra

suggestions available for quick reference. Too many to choose from? Blindly fish one of the pretzel-sex emblazoned chips from a sack, or take turns tossing the kit's beanbags, and let fate decide which contortionist position will result in your inevitable groin tear.

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A mere \$140 for a queen-size set-including 300-threadcount sheets, two pillowcases, and game paraphernalia-guarantees that even on off nights you'll have a reminder of your sexual inadequacies. (damonanthony.com)







POP QUIZ

# WHAT THE LL IS THIS?

You tell us. Pick the right answer or we'll point and laugh.

#### **GET 'EM YOUNG**

It's part of an upstart racing league designed to get underprivileged toddlers interested in automotive sports.

**CHOICE A** 

#### **DREAM MACHINE**

Chrysler ran a contest asking what people would shove a hemi engine inside. This super-size kiddie ride is the winning entry.

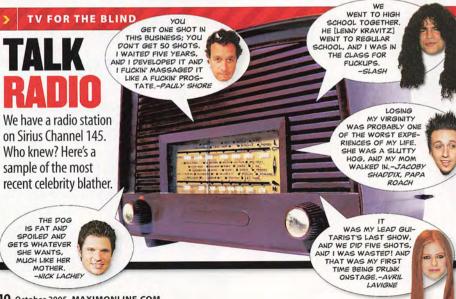
CHOICE B

#### **SCENE STEALER**

He's a stunt driver doubling for Rick Moranis on the new film Honey, I Shrunk the Kids and Really Need a Paycheck.

**CHOICE C** 







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#### JILL'S OFFERINGS

#### YOUR GIRL

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#### SHE'S FUNNY!

"I like to be stupid and make random jokes. I don't like to always be serious."



#### SHE LOVES SPORTS!

"I'll watch anything. I mean, I'll watch baseball, golf, football, or basketball."



#### SHE'S EASYGOING!

"I'm very low maintenance. About 90 percent of the time I don't take long to get ready."



#### SHE'LL MAKE YOU SUFFER!

"I'm a constant tease, because I want you to crave me."



#### SHE'S CREATIVE!

"I don't like doing the same thing over and over in bed. We can role-play."



#### **DECISION TIME**

The ol' ball and chain failed to make the grade? Gently send her packing, and e-mail Jill at chicagojill84@yahoo.com. We're here to help.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHARLIE LANGELLA







> 5 QUESTIONS

# ON DEADLY SOUND

With his music Steven Seagal gets in your head instead of cracking it.

Who are you influenced by, musically?
I'm a blues man. I got

to play with a lot of black blues legends, like Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, Albert Collins, and Albert

King. They weren't necessarily famous, but they played better than a lot of famous musicians.

n So your album, Songs From the Crystal Cave, is basically Steven Seagal Sings the Blues? There's only a little bit of blues, actually. It's more a world album. I've got some reggae, I've got some world, I've got some African stuff...I've even got some pop.

What the hell is the Crystal Cave, anyway?

It's a reference to the luminous cognizance of the mind. It has to do with the enlightened mind. Or something like that. It's a metaphorical thing.

as deep as the title of the album? We all dream, and my dream is that my music will lead people into contemplation. I hope it will

help some people understand a little bit about their mind the nature of their mind—and bring people joy. I'm hoping to make the world a little bit better with my music.

"You will listen, and you will boogie, or I

Do you think that guys who like watching you shatter femurs onscreen will be able to handle your, you know, luminous cognizance?

will snap your neck."

I'm sure there will be people out there who won't like it. I've played thousands and thousands of times for people all over the world, and not once have I not had an amazingly great experience with the crowd and the people. I don't really know how to send messages to young men, other than to say I hope they all enjoy life. Yeah, enjoy life.



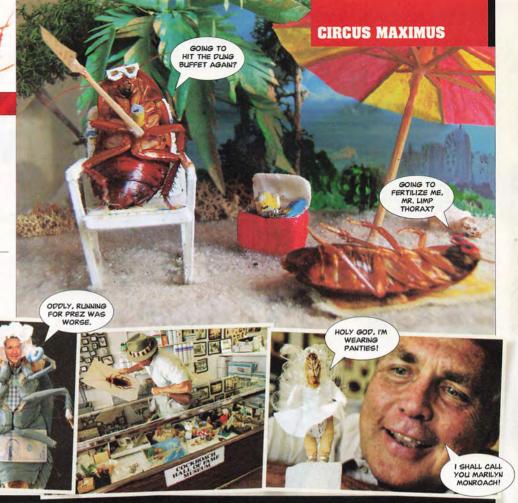
GOING BUGGY

# ROACH MOTEL

One man's infestation is another man's freakishly obsessive art.

Sweeping out your grimy man-hovel and wondering how you can put that pile of six-legged husks to good use? Perhaps you'll find a muse in Michael Bohdan, curator of the

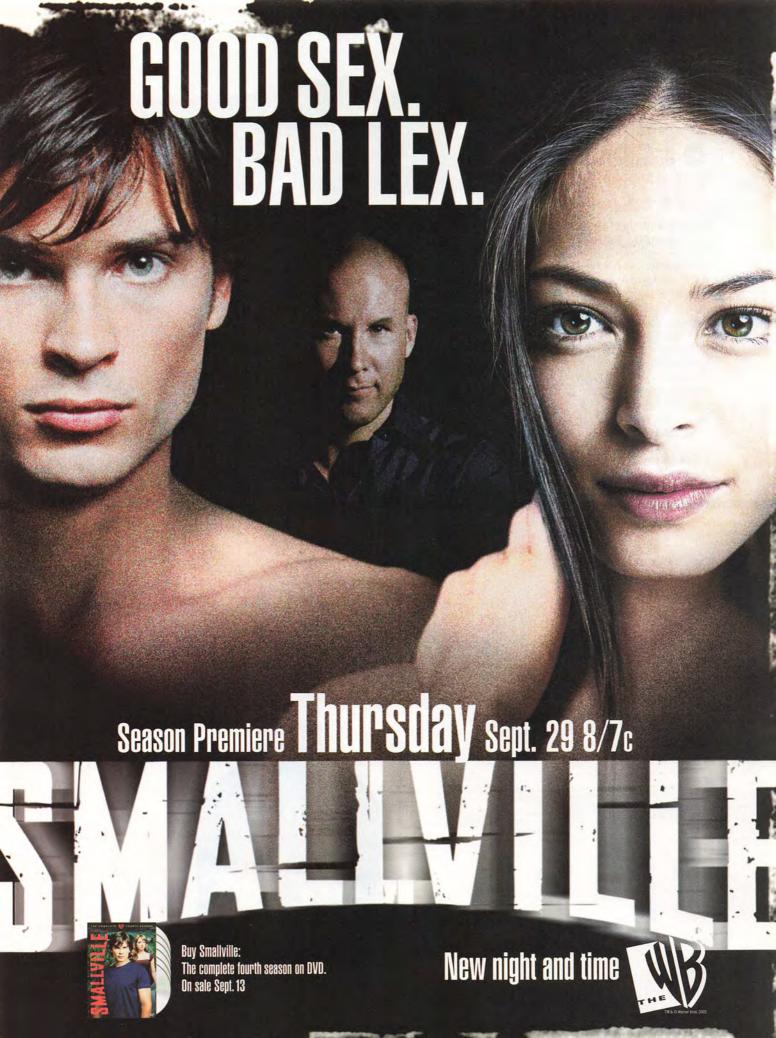
"famous" Cockroach Hall of Fame Museum—tableaus of dead roaches glued into all manner of disturbing costumes. Bohdan, an exterminator and the proprietor of the Pest Shop, a Home Depot for do-it-yourself insect assassins in Plano, Texas, also keeps live Madagascar hissing roaches as his personal pets. Hmm...it's a wonder this man can keep the ladies at bay long enough to get any work done.







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Despite an "activated carbon core" that "reduces unpleasant tastes," the Kcleansed Hudson swill tasted like pretzels and pennies."A bit less uriny," gagged our intern.

According to our tester, the Katadyn reduced the vodka's sting—cleaning 1.5 quarts in just a minute—while still promising blindness and organ rot. (katadyn.com)





#### BRITA \$20

Brita warns on the box that its filtration system won't remove bacteria, but claims to reduce cadmium, copper, mercury, benzene, and lead. Not that a little lead ever hurt anyone.

Still tasted like salty, metallic, and slightly chewy Hudson water, though our intern said the Brita "took the edge off." On a positive note, it looked less like gravy.

After three passes through the pitcher, our low-grade Russian hooch was damned near palatable. Nothing a little O.J. won't fix. (brita.com)

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KENMORE \$140

A purifier that boils water and condenses the steam. It's slow and needs power, but it distills out viruses, bacteria, and other tasty contaminants.

Holy potable water, this thing's good. It took five hours to process three quarts, but the result had almost no salty undertones and no "dead mobster broth" aftertaste.

"Weak," said our intern. The 'More boiled off all the alcohol, so its vodka tasted like mouthwash but, unlike mouthwash, couldn't get her drunk. Sorry, kid. (kenmore.com)

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# E WACKY

This is what happens when countries don't have a World Series to watch.



#### **WOMAN WORTH HER WEIGHT IN BEER**

Finland An Estonian man and woman outran the competition to win the Wife-Carrying World Championships, clinching Estonia's eighth world title. Forty guy-girl pairs entered, with the male contestants lugging the ladies across an 832-foot obstacle course in any way possible. Using their signature "thighs by your eyes" style, Margo Uusorg, 25, carried Egle Soll, 23, and they took first prize-Egle's body weight in beer. Second prize was a free consultation with a divorce lawyer.



#### **GRAVEDIGGERS LIKE TO** PARTY WITH THE DEAD

Belgium Mourners complained that gravediggers were partying at a cemetery during work hours. An angry couple whined to managers at a Merksem, Antwerp body farm after hearing loud music blasting from a shed near their late son's grave. According to the parents, speakers blared the lyrics, "Sex bomb! Sex bomb!" while children played nearby. When questioned, the gravediggers said they held the cemetery party every year, and no one ever griped before. Except for the zombies, who, it turns out, also hate 311.



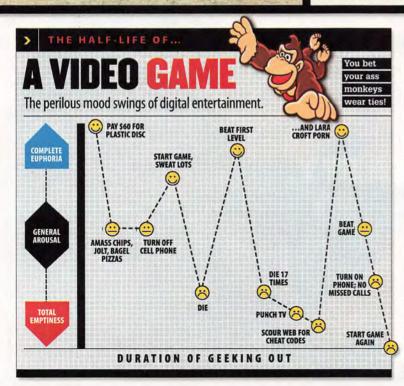
#### **BOY HAS PROBLEM AFTER FIRST PERIOD**

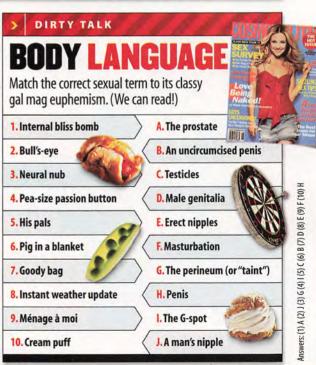
India For the past year a teenage boy has apparently been menstruating once a month. Tarak, a 15-year-old lad from Kalna in West Bengal, India, has been plaqued with the symptoms of a woman's crimson tide, including bleeding from his penis, nausea, and mood swings. One local doc says the boy's monthly visitor might be the result of a functional endometrium in his prostate gland, though the kid's father says it's because his mother coddles the boy too much.

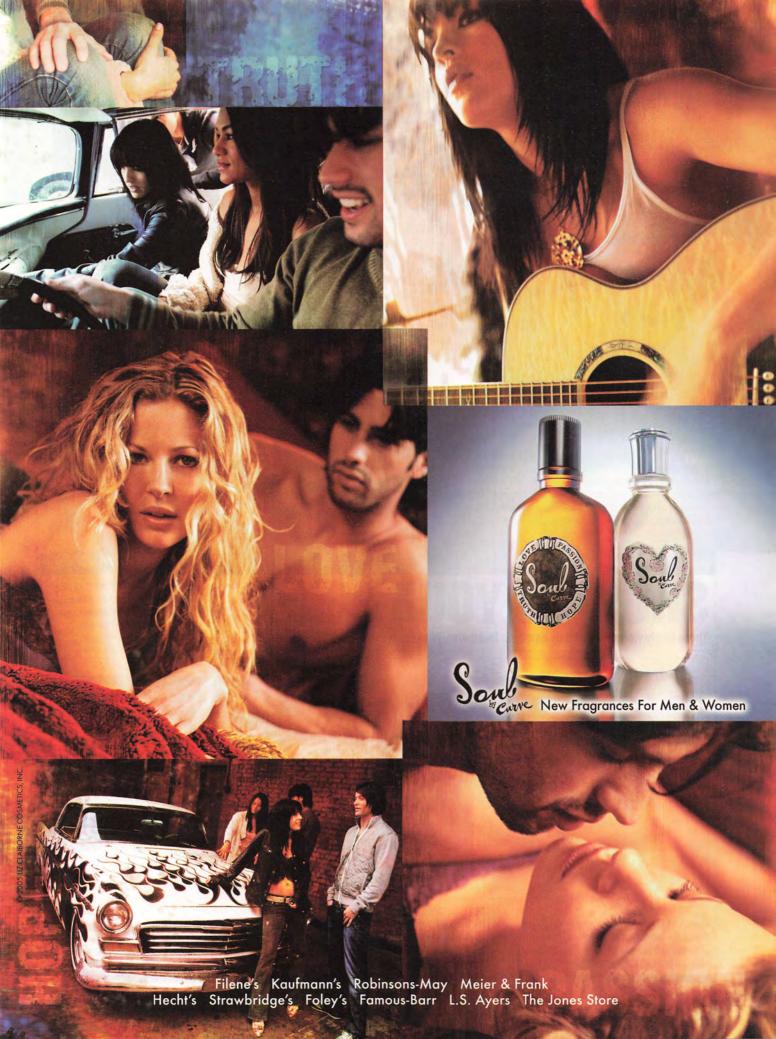


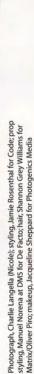
#### PROTECTED DONKEY BENIED A PIECE OF ASS

Croatia After badgering female donkeys for sex as much as 16 times a day, a male jackass was booted from a national park and relocated to a nearby deserted island. Park officials tossed Aga the donkey when tourists began whining about his constant attempts to bump uglies with the ladies in his roaming herd. A spokesperson for the park promised that Aga would have plenty of food and water on the island of Dugi Otok, where he will remain until he settles down...or finds a wasted sorority girl and a Web cam.





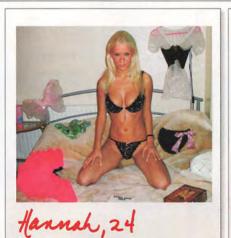






# **OW US YOUR BEDROOF**

These lovely women invited us into their bedrooms. Who are we to argue?



Hannah, 24, is a, uh, "dancer au natural" who loves to play dress-up-and not just on the stage. Her bedroom is full of panties with bows, high heels, angel wings, and French maid outfits. That's like an extra girlfriend!



Oksana, 25

We love a woman who can kick our ass. Born in Ukraine, 25-year-old Oksana has spent the past seven years serving in the Israeli military. And yet she finds a way to wear thongs five days a week. What a trooper.



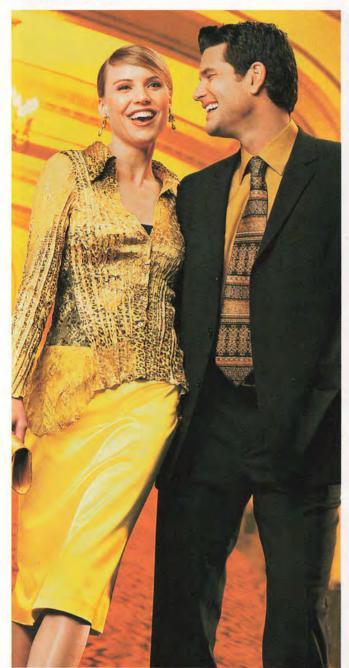
Hey, ladies! Send us a pic of

yourself in bed to bedroom @maximmag.com. We'll take care of the rest.

Stephanie, 20

Accounting isn't necessarily a sexy vocation...unless you're Stephanie, 20. This number-crunching hottie isn't afraid to start a fire in her bedroom. Just be carefulshe once burned her toe seducing her man with candles.

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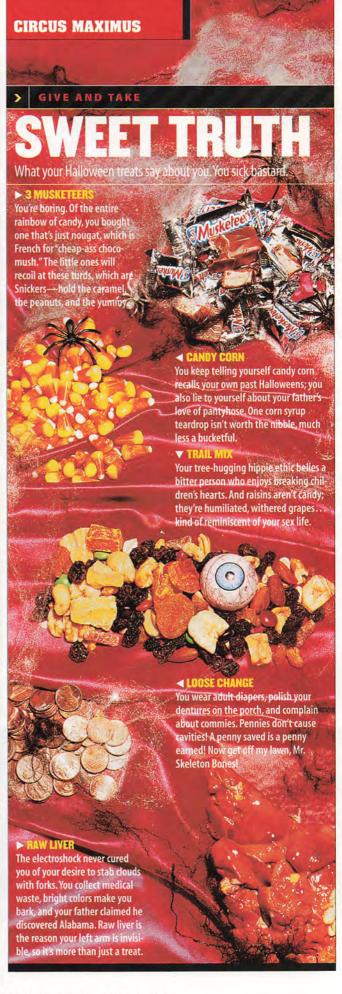
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STITCH IN TIME

# CHICKS X DIG SCARS

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#### **FAST AND FURIOUS**

"My buddies and I were heading to a pub in Italy when a car hit me. My friends grabbed the driver, who seemed drunk, and proceeded to make up for it. He spent more time in the hospital than I did."—Joe McCreary

#### YAK ATTACK

"I was working at a zoo, moving animals out of their pens, when a yak turned on me and charged. He hooked me in the leg with one of his horns and tore out a big chunk of muscle. I was on workers' comp for a year. Needless to say, I don't work with yaks now!"

— Trevor Engelage





#### **ON BENDED KNEE**

"My Apache helicopter experienced dual engine failure at Camp Blanding in Florida. My injuries required eight surgeries, but the hardest part was I lost my friend and copilot. It was his 24th birthday."—CW3 Kent Walker

#### SLICE O' LIFE

E-mail pics of your scars, along with an explanation, to scarface@maximmag.com. Now, be careful!







#### MASTER OF DISGUISE

### CRAFT A LAST-MINUTE COSTUME

The party starts in half an hour, and you just realized everyone actually is dressing up this year. We've got you covered.

#### **BOOB TUBE**

Cut a hole in a box big enough for your head, and a big old hunk out of the front for your face. Cover the box in tinfoil and add a sign that reads, PLACE BREASTS HERE. Voilà! You're a mammogram.



#### SCARILY LEGAL

Put on a shirt and tie, then fill a briefcase with legal pads. Get a kitchen knife and a pair of fake vampire teeth, and drizzle plenty of ketchup on your chin and shirt. Voilà! You're a back-stabbing, bloodsucking lawyer.



#### WOMB SERVICE

Throw on a pair of tighty-whiteys, then cover yourself with Vaseline. Stuff a balloon or Ziploc bag with ground beef and stick a rubber tube in it. Attach the other end to your bellybutton. Voila! You're a newborn.



#### MAN IN THE MIRROR

Don white face paint, a Silly Putty nose, a white glove, and a NOT GUILTY T-shirt, and drink wine out of a Coke can labeled JESUS JUICE. Oh, and play "rubba-rubba" with a cute little doll. Voilà! You're Jacko!



MEDICATION REFORM

# "PASS" A DRUG TEST

The man is out to nail ya for that silly peyot habit. Thank heavens for cheating.

#### SPIT DECISION

Though rarer than urine and hair checks, saliva tests are gaining popularity—some schools use them to bust stoner students. They're harder to beat (enterprising addicts are still devising screens), but spit tests tend to detect the parent drug rather than the residue of it in your system, so they only go back a few hours. If you can pass up that breakfast bowl, you'll be good to go. Or visit passyourdrugtest.com and grab some Spit 'N' Kleen Mouthwash. Worth a shot.

#### CLOT IN THE ACT

Because they require clinical conditions, blood tests are rarely used outside of confirming drug use following major car accidents. Web companies offer detox teas that claim to cleanse your system within hours, but they don't actually work, says Allen St. Pierre, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Instead, just take a few days off from your porno-and-poppers routine. Like saliva tests, they can only go back a few hours.

#### HAIRY SITUATION

It's the second most common test: Strands of hair hold a history of drug use, so the longer they are, the further back tests go. But don't go all Lex Luther; they'll just take a sample from somewhere else on your body. Your best bet is, ahem, a perm. With luck, the chemicals will strip the follicles, erasing evidence of your bender in Jamaica. Follow up by washing your hair with an astringent shampoo like Aloe Rid by Nexxus three times a day. Bonus: It'll finally be clean.

#### SWEAT SCIENCE

A new test called PharmChek is a patch that picks up on coke, pot, opiates, PCP, and meth and other amphetamines. You wear it 24 hours a day for a week, so it gives a pretty accurate picture of everything you've done. Fortunately for most of you, right now it's used only in the criminal justice system. For the rest, there have been several cases of the patch testing positive but the urine testing clean. So claim it's a false positive—then see below to beat the urine check.

A BAR

#### PEE TIME

"The most common procedure today is urine testing," notes St. Pierre. It traces drug use from three days to four months back, so make like suspended Viking Onterrio Smith and get a Whizzinator (thewhizzinator.com), a faux schlong that dispenses drug-free synthetic urine into the cup. It won't fly in the NFL, where testers get off on actually watching you piss, but as long as you buy the right color dingus, you should cruise through most corporate checks. Whee!





## **PRETEND YOU'RE SOBER**

Have a problem drinking on the job? We can help.



#### PICK YOUR LIQUOR

"Whiskey,rum, and gin all have telltale odors," notes Frank Kelly Rich, the functional alky who runs moderndrunkard magazine.com." But vodka has less of an odor." Stir up a screwdriver in a Starbucks cup before work, or use a syringe to inject vodka into a grapefruit or orange. Yum!



#### WORK SMART Talk as

little as possible. "Use short, flat monosyllables," Rich advises. A simple "yep" may be all you need to utter between sipping and mindlessly flipping papers. "The p ensures you finish with your mouth closed, barring booze breath and slurring. It also has a certain casual finality."



#### ACT PEPPY As a cover,

create a new persona.
Cultivate a happy-golucky facade so you
always seem drunk.
Adorn your cubicle
with cute pictures, and
stroll to the copier
with a jaunty bounce
in your step. In other
words, "be the
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#### KEEP BUZZING Of course.

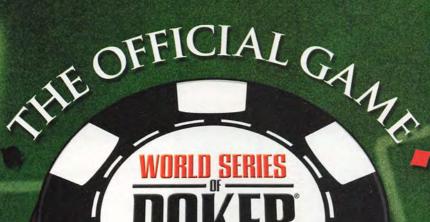
there's always a chance you'll get caught. Unless you're the one in charge, play the victim. Says Rich: "Start sobbing uncontrollably and throw yourself at your accuser's feet. Try,'I'm diseased! Help me help myself...or I'll sue." Then, with your job safe, take the day off and hit the bar.



Text, Marcy Smith (Drug Test); Melissa Noble (Sober); Illustration, Ollie Bland (Drug Test)

# NO CRYING TO MOMMY WHEN YOU LOSE!

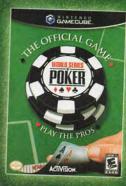




















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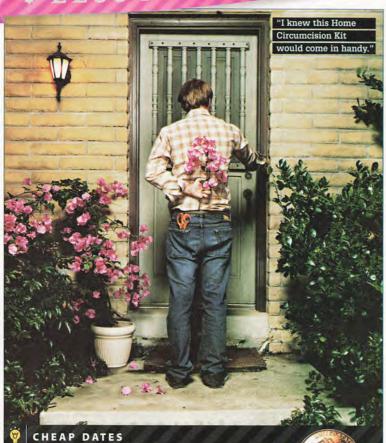




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PENR

These bargain date ideas prove you can score more with less.

#### **BE CULTURED**

Weirdly, girls like dudes with interests outside of beer pong. "This guy I dated got us passes to the opening of a new art exhibit," says Jisella, 25."We sat around drinking free wine, then made fun of the bizarre art." Hey, we worked really hard on those finger paintings!

#### **BRING THE PARTY**

"At this outdoor concert, I noticed one guy had brought a blanket, a picnic, and wine for his date," says Claire, 22."I would have shown him a good time, and he didn't spend a dime on me!" Ah, if only more women were like you, Claire, and got turned on when we hit on other chicks.

#### STRIKE A CHORD

"A guy I dated wrote a song for me on his guitar," says Kim, 26."Because I'm so sarcastic, I always thought I'd laugh at something like that, but it was so romantic! We ended up dating for two years." Sadly, the Dead Kennedys already did "Too Drunk to Fuck."

#### **USE YOUR HOBBY**

Provided it's not D&D or pee cams, get her into your passion."I went out with a surfer, and our first date was spent soaking wet in the ocean," says Amy, 26."I had the greatest time; he looked so hot in his wet suit." Note: This doesn't work nearly as well if you look like Chris Farley.

#### **NURTURE YOUR INNER JULIA CHILD**

"An old boyfriend wooed me with his culinary skills," says Gina, 28. "He had wine in a carafe, little bowls filled with Parmesan cheese and oregano, and a baquette with olive oil for dipping. Cooking is a cheap aphrodisiac." Plus, they tend to frown on table sex at the Olive Garden.

#### MIX IT UP

"My guy-friend-turned-love-interest made an iPod playlist especially for me," says Sunny, 29. "He didn't do it on purpose, but five or six of my favorite songs were on there. Brilliant, romantic, and it cost, like, a buck." Assuming some other schlub bought her the iPod, of course.



BOSOM BUDDIES

### MPRESS HER FRIENDS

Amelia Parry shares how to win over her crew. And get laid!



# THEM

The next time we bring you out, pick out our least annoying friend, strike up a conversation, and—here's the key-keep it going when we head off to the bathroom. There's no bigger turn-on than a guy who can hold his own at a party when we're not around.



#### STAY A LITTLE LATER

If you put in a few hours with our pals, we'll be thrilledand hot to take you home. But the first time we ask if you're ready to leave, say, "Nah, we can stay a bit longer." Now you're getting along with our friends and playing hard to get. We'll want you twice as badly.

QUICK TIP

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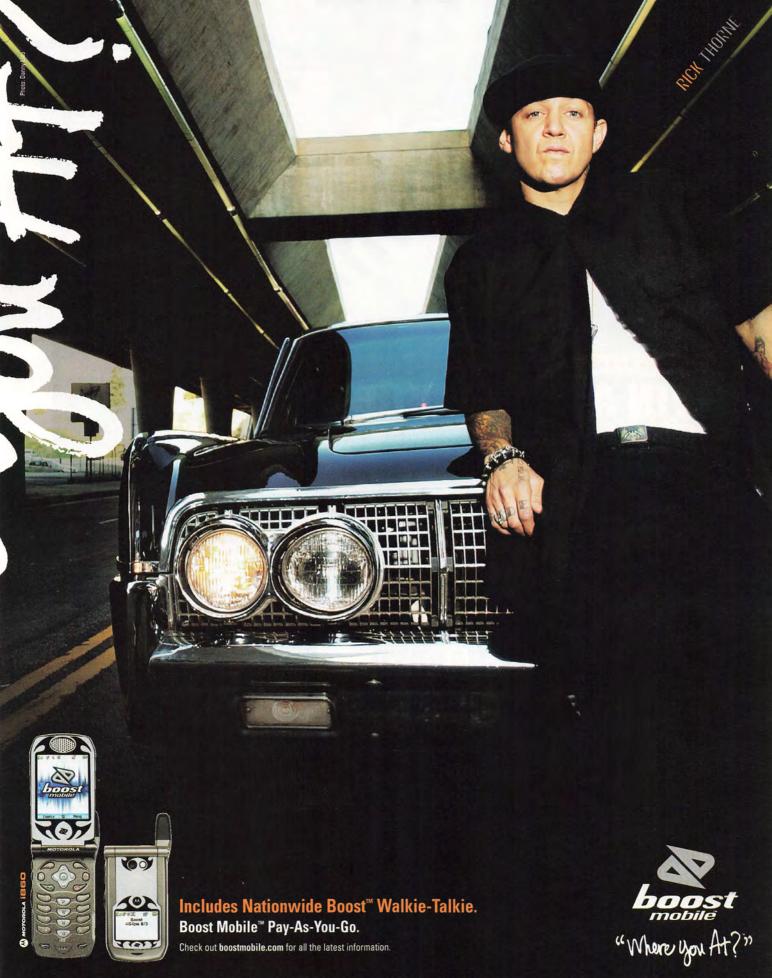


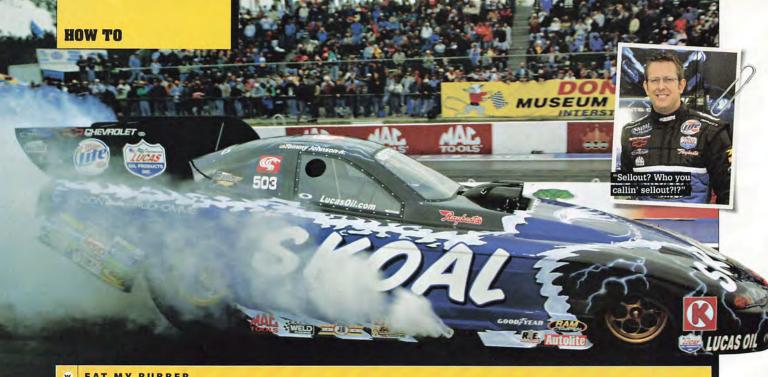
Sure, it's important to compliment our friends, but more important, resist the urge to make fun of the girl things we like. We know The O.C. is stupid-we don't need to hear you say it. We hate a boyfriend who shakes his head at our silly antics. We love one who can laugh along with us.

#### PLAY **ESCORT**

When the evening finally does conclude, offer to call a cab for our friends or walk them to their cars (assuming you don't then try to make out with them). Looking out for their safety shows what a knight in shining armor you are-and no one has to know you slap when you punch.







EAT MY RUBBER

Want to turn that Fridaynight hobby into a career? **NHRA Skoal Funny Car** driver Tommy Johnson Jr. gets you high on speed.

#### **USE FLATTERY**

During your prerace chat with the other driver,"Don't make him mad; that'll only give him more reason to beat you," explains Johnson. "Instead, I let him think he's got me beat, then I step up and surprise him."

#### **PEEL OUT EARLY**

Johnson does a "prerun burnout," working the gas and brake to squeal about 300 feet. This heats his tires up so they'll stick to the track:"If you spin your tires during the race, you're not going anywhere."

#### **RUN SILENT**

Those guys revving their engines before a race? Poseurs. "They're just trying to intimidate you, Johnson says. "All it means is they're worried. If they're trying to screw with me, that just builds my confidence."

#### **CHANGE LANES**

"The guy with the faster car chooses the starting lanes. Wait until the last second to pick the lanes, or switch lanes right before the race. Get the other guy thinking and you'll have the advantage."

#### **BEAT THE GREEN**

"As soon as the yellows come on, I nail the gas. Yellow turns green in four tenths of a second, and if you react faster than that you're not human. If you get out first, you've just got to hold on to stay ahead."

#### **SEE THE FUTURE**

"Look way down the track, almost to the finish line. The acceleration is so fast, it's the easiest way to stay straight. Before you know it, you're at the spot you focused on." Make sure to pop that chute, Speedy.

LEFT OUT

### **BECOME RIGHT-HANDED**

Because we're sick of making special scissors for you clumsy freaks.

**DROP YOUR INHIBITIONS** "We are raised to use our dominant hand," notes Maurice Ramirez, M.D., an ER doc who trains his residents to perform procedures ambidextrously—you never know when you might lose a limb and need to remove a spleen."You have to drop your bias against being able to use both." If you've ever played "the stranger," you know this isn't that hard.

#### **COLOR AND DRAW**

"Like a child learning to write, you've got to master gross motor skills," says Ramirez."Get a coloring book and try to stay inside the lines." Work up to shapes and block letters. Sure, the 10 percent of the population that's left-handed includes Michelangelo and Picasso. But Bob Ross, PBS' happy-tree painter, was a righty-just like all the real geniuses.

**GET A NEW SIGNATURE** 

"Decide, 'This week I'm going to sign all my checks with my right hand," Ramirez advises. "It's not going to be your usual signature, because the mechanics of the left arm are different from the right." On the upside, when the bank calls to ask about a check in your illegibly signed name for a \$250K Ferrari, it'll be that much easier to explain.

#### **WORK ON YOUR FASTBALL**

Throwing involves a complex shoulder-elbow motion that's wired not through your brain but through your spinal cord, Ramirez says. Once you lay down those pathways, they're there permanently. So start hucking righty like a real man. And don't worry-if anyone makes fun of the way it looks, just tell 'em you're a girl!





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BUSY WORK

Make your own portable game system with an old Nintendo, an LCD screen, some RadioShack parts—and a ton of free time. Warning: For eggheads only.



**GUT THE GAME SYSTEM** 

Your NES was fun... Now it's time to tear it up. "Most parts aren't needed in a portable version, or will be re-created,"

explains Benjamin Heckendorn, author of Hacking Video Game Consoles. Bear with us, because this will be confusing. Remove the cartridge slot, expansion port, RF adapter, power, and reset switches. Keep the brains of this beast, the motherboard. Now tear the innards out of the controller and grab a couple of copper-clad hole-drilled PC boards from RadioShack. Attach tact switches ("like under the buttons on a TV set," Heckendorn says) and the plastic NES buttons on top—directional pad, start, select, A, and B buttons. Add resistors, then wire in the NES controller chip.

**BUILD A BODY, GET A SCREEN** 

Mod your own funky body out of anything from mahogany to used car tires."I recommend colored engraving plastic, available at trophy shops," says Heckendorn. Download templates he created at benheck.com. Print 'em, tape 'em to the plastic, and carve away. Use flexible aluminum strips for the case's walls, then add decals. As for your screen, any five-inch LCD screen with A/V inputs will work, but Heckendorn prefers the clip-on screen made for the PS One (on eBay for about \$40)."It sucks a decent amount of power, but it's still a great choice for portables," says Heckendorn, who builds these things for fun. Open it up with a screwdriver, remove the LCD glass, motherboard, and wires, and locate the power, ground, and A/V wiring. Place the screen in the case, then wire the A/V into the NES board. Simple, right?

**POWER UP AND PLAY** 

After loading in the NES motherboard and control boards, it's time to generate power. A 9.6-volt RC car rechargeable NiMh battery will do the trick. Make sure you solder a few power regulators (+5 volt for the NES board, +7.5 volt for the screen) and heat sinks onto the PC boards to absorb the excess energy. Notes Heckendorn, "These lower the power so the motherboard won't fry." Run positive and ground wires to the power regulators, which then run to the screen and console. A wall adapter can be added—a wise move, since this beast saps juice in two hours. If you've somehow made it this far, pop in a cartridge, pray, and press power. Oldschool Mario's now as mobile as can be. Bowser, you can run, but you can't hide...



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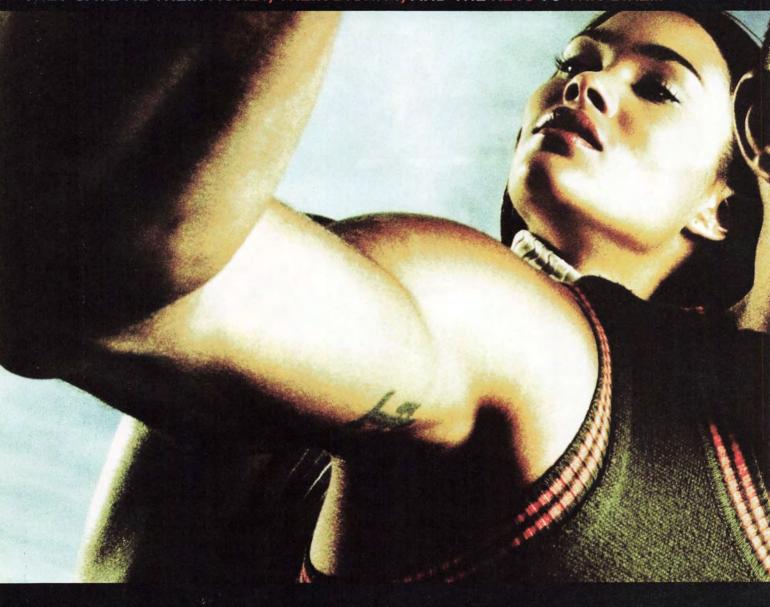


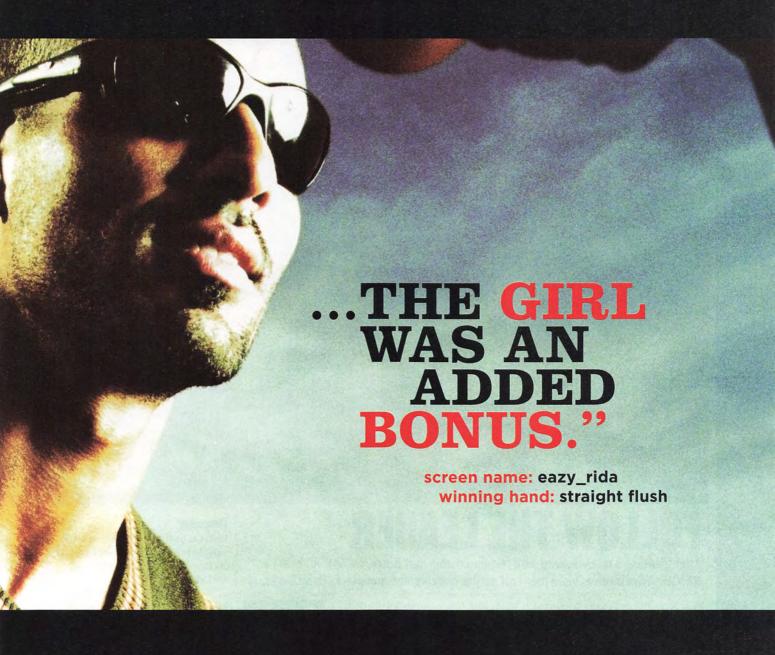


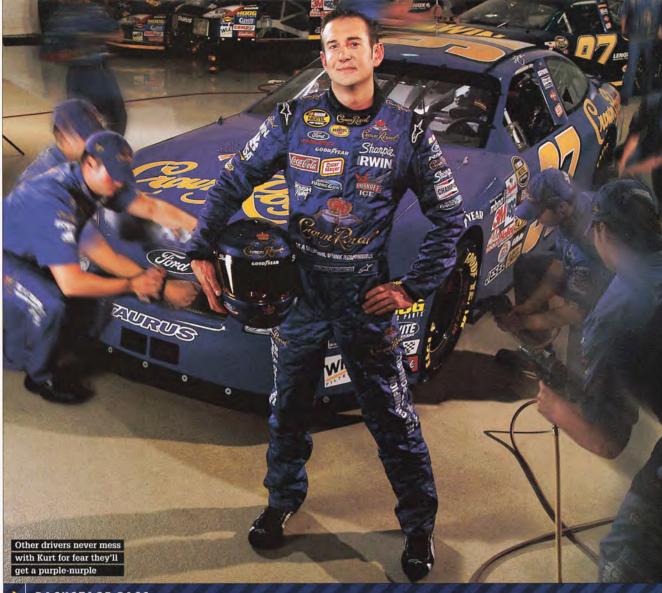




"THEY GAVE ME THEIR MONEY, THEIR DIGNITY, AND THE KEYS TO THIS BIKE...







BACKSTAGE PASS

# **FOLLOW THE LEADER**

After spending a race weekend with reigning champ Kurt Busch, we find out being a NASCAR driver involves more than cool outfits, fast cars, and groupies in Daisy Dukes.

ny NASCAR fan worth his big-screen knows that the Chase for the Nextel Cup kicked off September 18 with the Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway. For the uninitiated, the Chase is NASCAR's year-old playoff system where only the top 10 drivers, and anyone else within 400 points of the leader, compete over the last 10 races for the crown.

Not every driver digs the idea—like the guy in first who has his points lead obliterated—but Kurt Busch loves it. Why? Last year he kicked off the Chase in seventh, but eight top-six finishes later, he had his first title. This year, possibly his last with Roush Racing, Busch is looking to become the first repeat cup victor since Jeff Gordon in '97 and '98.

But Busch needs more than just his fancy drivin' skills and a crash course in pissing off fans to match Gordon's record. In a sport where team drivers haul trailers cross-country, engineers rebuild \$80,000 motors weekly, and crew chiefs labor over fuel strategies, hot-shit drivers threading 790-horsepower land rockets through lap traffic is just the part the fans get to see.

So we invited ourselves to the Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, California's Infineon Raceway to get the inside info on a real race weekend. As we learned, the Chase may be run on the track, but it'll be won in the trailer, in the garage, and, in Busch's case, on the massage table.



#### **Thursday**

'Come

Wednesday

race mode.

I'm in full

**10:00** A.M. Travel day. Busch leaves the Roush Racing home base in Concord, North Carolina for Cali. This year he scored himself a perk—his own Learjet.

"It's trick," he brags. "Sometimes I fly out for dinner in another city and fly back that night." **5:00** P.M. Touchdown at Napa Airport. Busch and his blonde girlfriend, Eva, stop by the hotel, then hit up a restaurant. Eva tries the local vino while Busch downs sparkling water.

"I might have drinks on Monday or Tuesday," he says, "but by Wednesday, I'm in race mode." **10:00** Bed time. So do NASCAR drivers share a boxer's fear of precompetition lovin'?

"It's not a concern," says Busch."You've just got to know when to use your energy."

Hey, rubbin' is racin'!

#### Friday

5:00 a.m. The trailer carrying Busch's racer and backup car pulls onto the track after a threeday drive from Concord, and his crew preps for initial inspection. NASCAR officials use about 18 templates to measure the Ford's wheelbase, ground clearance, and so on. They check the





motor's displacement (a max of 5.86 liters) and compression ratio (12:1, versus a regular Taurus' 9.4:1). Safety components get eyed, spoilers are measured, and the man uses magnets to test for illegal metal on the body.

7:30 Drive at up to 200 mph for a living, and sitting in traffic with driving-school rejects would make your testicles ascend, too. So Busch takes a 10-minute helicopter flight to the track. 8:00 Various media outlets covering the race

YOKOHAMA OKOHAMA 'This is OK, but I still prefer my Pinto."

shove mikes and cameras in Busch's face. 11:20 Busch, in his Barney-esque purple Nomex, climbs into his matching Crown Royal-sponsored car and starts the two-hour qualifying practice session. He'll go out for a few laps, come in for adjustments, then hit the road course again. After practice Busch says the car feels loose, which is track speak for "too much oversteer." And he doesn't get to do his "bonzai

After practice

**Busch says** the car feels loose. run"-one last ride to test the car's limits. 1:30 P.M. Sandwich pit stop.

3:10 Qualifying begins. Busch draws the 35th qualifying slot. Of the 48 guys who showed up today, only 43 can make the race. His crew's already taped off the car's grill, a trick that gives it more down force but makes the engine overheat. That's not a problem in qualifying, though, since he gets just one lap.

4:00 Busch tosses off a 76.465-second run at 93.69 mph on the winding road course, good for sixth place on the grid come Sunday.

4:05 Not even out the window, and reporters are on Busch's ass like fire-retardant underwear. In the meantime, his crew swaps out lightweight but fragile qualifying gear, like brake

rotors and suspension pieces, for race-ready parts that can take hours of abuse. 4:30 Crew chief Jimmy Fennig tells Busch he was on track for the pole through turn 10. Useless now—the qualifying setup, designed

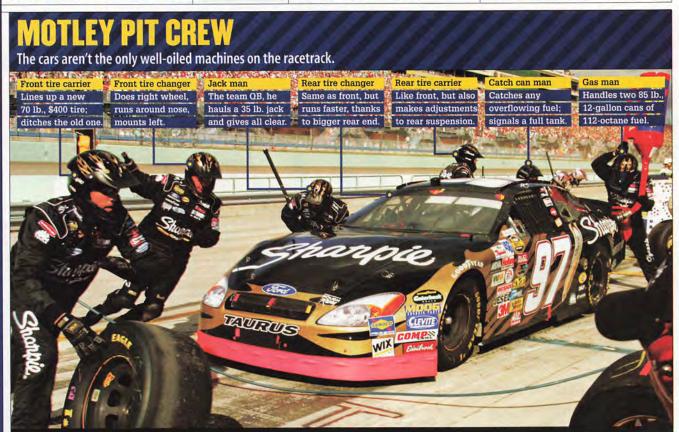
for all-out speed at the expense of tighter handling and braking, is different from the race setup. Should come in handy next year, though. 6:00 Kurt relaxes...and passes out around 10.

#### Saturday

8:00 A.M. Busch touches down at the track. 9:00 Yesterday he wanted speed, but now Busch wants to slow down. At twisty Infineon, braking is the key to passing. If Kurt's got the equipment—and the balls—to break deeper into the corner, he can get under the guy in front. Come race time drivers will go easy on the clamps, which are heavier-duty than normal, in order to save them for a late-race push.

In practice Busch focuses on turn 7, a hard left off a long downhill straight, and turn 11, a tight hairpin in front of the pits. Problem is, his brakes are acting up.

"The hotter they get, the spongier the pedal feels," he tells Fennig. Still, Busch claims it's the best car he's ever had at Sonoma. Excellent



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news, because a top 10 race here is a down payment on that REPEAT vanity plate.

10:30 Busch and his chief agree on a two-pit plan. On ovals racers pit often to keep the fuel cells filled and the tires fresh. Road courses demand a tighter pit strategy. The lack of passing room makes track position more important than a sticky new set of Goodyears.

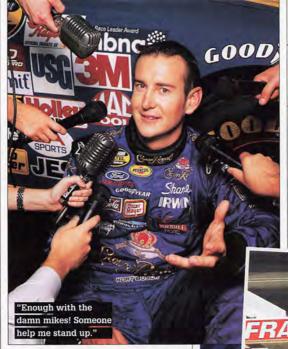
But with only two scheduled pits in 219 miles, fuel management becomes key. If their plan works Busch will have just enough gas to finish the race, then coast to the winner's circle. 12:30 P.M. The mercenaries arrive at San Francisco's airport, a day earlier than normal. They're part-timers in Busch's pit crew, mostly ex-college athletes recruited by Roush head coach Wayne DeLoreia. They have day jobs but spend two afternoons a week doing pit drills at Roush HQ. Not a bad deal-a top tire changer can make \$100,000 on a big-money team like Roush. 2:00 While his garage team works on the car, Busch gets groped by a strange woman.

"You feel like you can breathe easier, that your muscles are relaxed," he says of his massage. 7:00 Steak and Comedy Central.

#### Sunday

7:00 A.M. Roughly 100,000 fans are slated to grace the bleachers today. Seems most are lining





the steel gates near the garages, yelling for their favorite racers like giddy, paunchy schoolgirls.

9:00 Busch signs autographs for a half-hour. The Russian mail-order bride who he says comes for half his races doesn't show.

10:00 Sitting in a folding chair in a concrete room, Busch listens while NASCAR officials introduce VIPs and remind drivers that this is a race, not a demolition derby.

10:30 He stays for a church service from Motor Racing Outreach, a Christian outfit that travels to

> each race. Afterward he chugs Powerade in his trailer to stay hydrated; drivers lose up to 10 pounds of water weight during a race. (More if they pee in their suit.) 12:00 P.M. Time to walk down to pit row for driver introductions and the national anthem. Four bomber jets cruise by; the crowd erupts. Busch squeezes into the car. 12:35 The staccato bark of 33,970 horses cues the fans to put in their earplugs. The pace car leads the drivers through the

pit—since stock cars have no speedos,

tailing the Dodge Charger shows where

on the tach the pit road's speed limit falls.

12:45 Green flag. Go time.

12:48 Earnhardt Jr. crashes on lap two.

1:36 Busch's first pit.

1:36:13 Done. The team's so fast, Busch steals a spot, putting him in third.

2:09 With pole-sitter Jeff Gordon and secondbest qualifier Jimmie Johnson done in by busted trannies, Busch grabs second. He charges after Tony Stewart, who's obviously got the best



ride on the track.

**Fans yell** 

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2:52 Stewart and Busch pit—Busch beats the Home Depot driver out.

3:20 Team owner Jack Roush stops by the pit in his signature straw hat. He likes to watch when one of his boys has a chance to win.

3:27 The eighth caution of the day erases the gap between Busch and the leaders, Stewart (in first) and Ricky Rudd. Only eight laps left to get all Days of Thunder on their asses.

3:43 Checkered flag. Busch takes third.

"I did catch Stewart at one point, but my brakes wore out," he explains afterward. 3:44 His crew pushes the 97 car in for teardown inspection, a must for top-five finishers. 3:45 Busch gets grilled by reporters in the media room. An hour later he and Eva bolt for the Lear. Gotta rest-Monday's media day.

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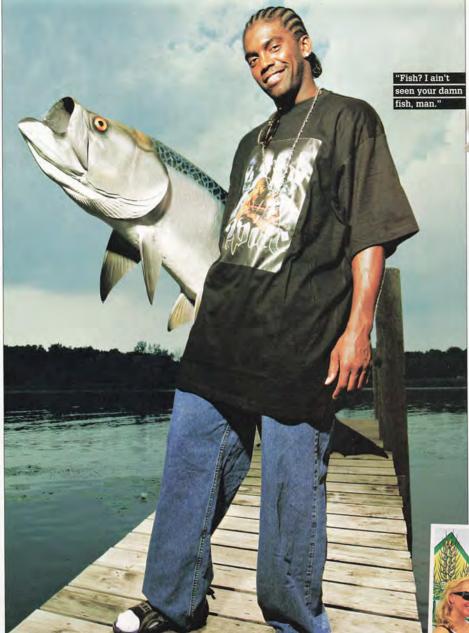
that's slathered in soft saddle-style leather. The bovine skin sea continues aft, where the SuperCrew's 39 inches of legroom beats sedans like

the BMW 750i. The F-150 handles well (for a truck), and its 365 lb.-ft. of torque provides able herding power. Oh, and there's space in back to carry stuff.

Drawbacks: The 5.5-footlong bed, too short for a mattress, is good for laughs on the job site.







some swagger—and wins—back to the franchise. "I'm gonna do what I normally do: go out, have fun, show up to work on time," he says. "If they're relying on me, then a lot of stuff is going to fall right into place." In the meantime, I'm about to spend 48 hours with a future Hall of Famer too scary for 29 NFL franchises. I can only imagine what an asshole he must be.

#### Reel concern

Strolling down the dock, Moss explains that I need to hold the release in until the peak of my cast. Then he puts his hand over mine and shows me. "You got the hang of how to cast," he says, "but the thing is to get a fish on the hook and bring it in!" It's funny—I can't quite imagine T.O. sitting still for seven hours, communing with nature. "I started in third or fourth grade in West Virginia, fishing from the shore," Moss recalls. "And then once I got to Minnesota and got a little money and fame, people started inviting me to go on their boats and fish with them."

That led to what's going down here: the first annual Randy Moss Invitational Celebrity Charity Fishing Tournament, benefiting Smile Network International. If you never thought you'd see those particular words lined up together—



CATCH AND RELEASE

## **CAST AWAY**

Despite his problems, the Oakland Raiders' Randy Moss may be the greatest wide receiver of his generation. So how come almost nobody wants to play with him?

andy Moss is a jerk. Everything I've read about the guy is true. That's what I think as I sit on a dock on Minnesota's Lake Minnetonka, waiting for the controversial wideout to show up for his Maxim photo shoot. He's late, he hasn't called, and I'm starting to suspect he's standing me up. In the humid drizzle, I kill time by casting into the water with a fishing pole I brought along.

As I clumsily throw out my line, a familiar voice pipes up. "What are you fishing for, weeds?" And there he is. Sporting cornrows, baggy jeans, a beat-up Tupac T-shirt, sandals, and socks, the NFL's nastiest deep threat looks more like an

awkward teenager—complete with braces—than the player everyone loves to hate.

Despite a lights-out college career, 19 teams passed on Moss in the draft thanks to "character issues." This off-season it happened all over again. The Vikings, looking to deal a guy who'd racked up 9,142 yards and 90 touchdowns in a mere seven seasons, could find only two interested teams, the Raiders and the Jets.

Moss ended up going to Oakland, the NFL's traditional home for talented misfits, in exchange for two draft picks and linebacker Napoleon Harris. The Silver and Black went 5-11 last year, so they're counting on Moss to bring



BY DIANE HILL

E-MAIL dianehill@ maximmag.com Moss, fishing, charity—it's for real. The charity provides free reconstructive surgeries to impoverished children in developing countries, and Moss is raising dough for it.

Having been to charity gigs where egocentric athletes were not only paid to attend but actually refused to sign autographs for terminally ill children, I have my doubts. Minnesota kicked Moss to the curb—why would he hang around to help a local charity? Sure, the event was planned before the trade, and backing out would be bad PR, but this is Randy Moss. "Helping kids has always been important to me," says the father of four with girlfriend Libby Offutt. "And with this tournament, people are going to have a good time doing it."

I remain skeptical, so Moss invites me to compete. First place is \$50,000 in cash and



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prizes."Are you going to moon me if you win?" I ask, a reference to his infamous mimed mooning of Green Bay fans after a playoff TD last season, perhaps the last straw for Vikings management. Moss just rolls his eyes and laughs.

#### **Fish out of water**

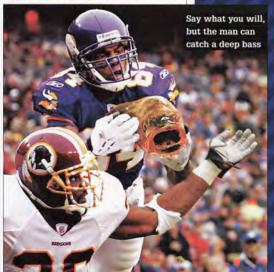
The next day I attend the kickoff dinner for the tournament at downtown Minneapolis' swanky Bellanotte, where 400 quests dine on catfish, gumbo, and corn bread with wine. The only thing stranger than eating fried catfish in an Italian restaurant is checking out the motley crew that's gathered for the event. Pro athletes—including boxer Roy Jones Jr. and the Vikings' Michael Bennett and Nate Burleson-mingle with surgeons, pro anglers, PR types, assorted realityshow stars, and Miss Minnesota USA, Carrie Lee. Naturally, media folks are there, too-the same group that has helped mold the national image of "Randy Moss, professional douchebag."

At a cocktail reception after dinner, I ask Moss why the press is so hard on him."I don't put up with b.s., and a lot of the media have that bullshit sense about them," he says. "I don't let everybody get an interview or get into my personal space. The local media here started it because I think they felt offended by that."

Still, it's not like Moss hasn't had a little to do with it. He did serve 30 days in jail for brutally kicking a high school classmate; he lost his FSU scholarship for smoking pot; he was arrested after a fight with Offutt in college (charges were later dropped); and he bumped a traffic cop with his car. Strangely, the episodes that really seem to piss off the sports-talk honks—things like Moongate, spewing obscenities at Vikings corporate sponsors, walking off the field with two seconds left in a game against the Redskins last season-aren't actual crimes.

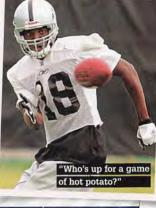
Except, of course, to the NFL. The mooning alone meant a \$10,000 fine. Pocket change to a guy who earned \$5.75 million last year, but a

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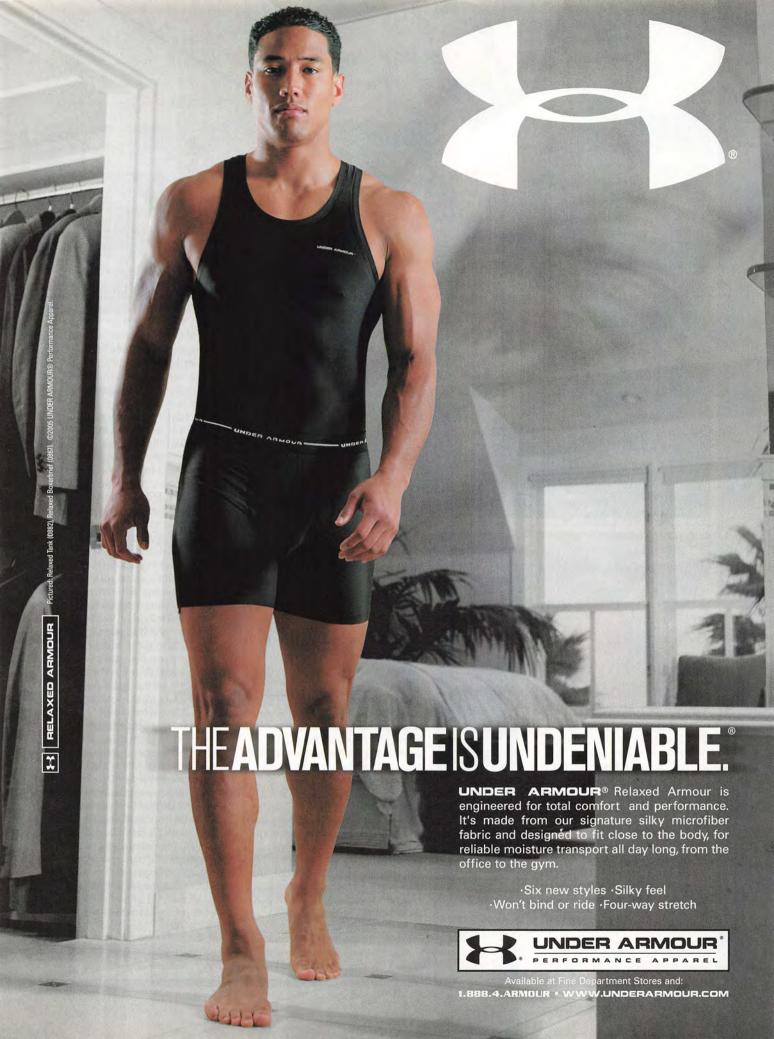


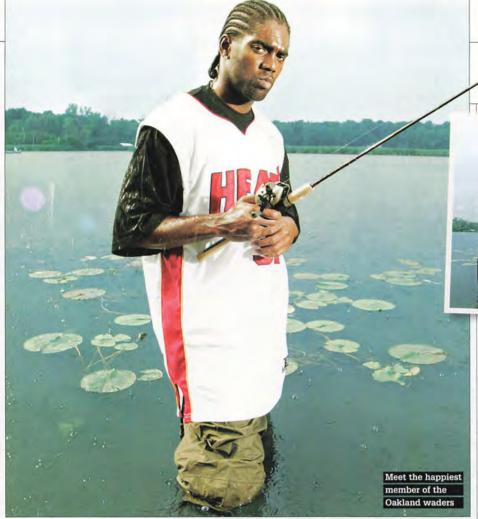
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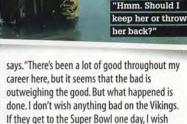
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Philadelphia Phillies #28 (1991)	First baseman John Kruk	Pitcher Mitch Williams	Two cases of beer
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Toronto Blue Jays #21 (1997)	First baseman Carlos Delgado	Pitcher Roger Clemens	A \$15,000 Rolex
			watch
New York Mets #47 (2003)	Third baseman Joe McEwing	Pitcher Tom Glavine	New baby nursery
Mats.			
Washington Redskins #26 (2004)	Safety Ifeanyi Ohalete	Running back Clinton Portis	\$38,000*
(26)			
New York Giants #10 (2004)	Punter Jeff Feagles	Quarterback Eli Manning	One-week family vacation in Florida
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New York Giants #17 (2005)	Punter Jeff Feagles	Wide receiver Plaxico Burress	New outdoor kitchen
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Atlanta Braves #33 (2005)	Third-base coach Fredi Gonzalez	Outfielder Brian Jordan	\$40,000 Bourget's Fat Daddy motorcycle
*Portis originally agreed to pay \$40,000	but paid only half when the "Skins cut Oha	lete. Ohalete sued, and Portis paid another \$	18,000 to avoid going to court. Tightwad.







them well." So much for that. And then there's this: When he joined Oakland, Moss' old jersey number, 84, was on the back of the Raiders' leading receiver in 2004, Jerry Porter. But unlike many standout pros, he made no attempt to get it for himself."I didn't want it, I really didn't," he says. "I wore 84 up here, and I wanted to close this chapter." He settled for 18, his rookie training camp number.

After all I've seen and heard, the tournament

itself is anticlimactic. Fifty teams vie to catch the five heaviest bass they can. Despite my lesson, I reel in just one, and my team of pro angler Guy Feldmann and Tampa Bay rookie cornerback Ukee Dozier tips the scales at a total of 11.62 pounds. The winning team notches 22.24 pounds. Moss edges me out with 13.42. But he doesn't moon me. Or talk trash. He just shakes my hand and observes, "Not too bad for your first time out."

As he signs autographs, I realize I'm still on the fence about this guy. His bad rep isn't totally undeserved, but he seems genuine about putting his troubles behind him. Is the best vet to come? "My career has really just started," the 28-yearold insists."The fans haven't seen anything yet."

When I tell him those fans have made his new Raiders jersey the NFL's number one seller, he's stunned."To think through all the nonsense that [the media's] created, obviously the people know what's real and what's not,' he responds."I really appreciate that the fans know I'm a good person and I love what I do." A lot of NFL teams find that sentiment hard to swallow. Something tells me they'll be paying for it this fall. M



matter of principle that still bothers him. "The NFL feels that since you're employed by them there's a lot of things you shouldn't do," Moss says."You finally score and you're celebrating, and they don't like that. But if you held up a sign, you know, 'I'm Randy Moss, I play for so-and-so, and I'm employed by the NFL,' and stamped it with the NFL shield, they wouldn't care."

"I'm very fun, I'm very caring," Moss continues."But I don't put up with nonsense. I call that being fake. I don't like fake people."

As Biz Markie spins records at a VIP party later that evening, I find Moss next to a table full of athletes, agents, and groupies sipping Grey Goose and chatting loudly. Everyone seems thrilled to be in the presence of the host, except the host. In a stark counterpoint to his rep as a cocky showman, he's got this faraway look in his eyes that says, "I'd rather

'I don't wish anything bad on the Vikings. If they get to the Super **Bowl one** day, I wish them well."

he keeps his distance, too."I always kept to myself," he says. "And now that I'm successful, it's hard to trust people who haven't been around since day one, you know?"

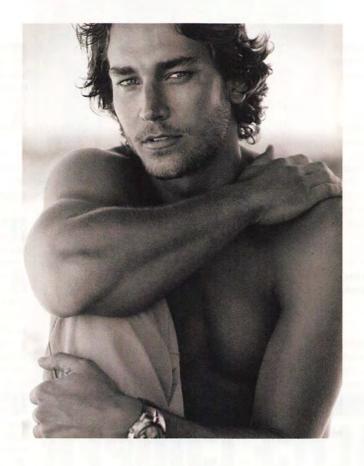
#### **Bait and switch**

The next morning it's pouring as I drive to Lord Fletcher's Old Lake Lodge, where the tourney pushes off. I have second thoughts about competing in the rain until I spot Moss in shorts, sneakers, and a Team Laub jacket with his name embroidered on the back (he's fishing with pro angler John Laub). "Still think you can beat me?" he jokes.

Try as I might, I'm having serious trouble uncovering the scumbag I've read so much about. I bait him by asking whether he'll miss Minnesota."I really don't think so," he



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I can't stand being around my wife's parents, and they're coming to stay with us for two weeks. How can I avert this disaster?

Gary T., Seattle, WA

where they don't even want to be around you at all. No, you can't really avoid the parents. If they're coming, you've got to find some common ground. Either learn to suck up or be so annoying that they don't want to come. I always went the Ferris Bueller route: Be the sweetest guy in the world and pretty soon you will own them. If you can manipulate your mother-in-law, your father-in-law will be happy just because he won't have to argue with her.

# My 10-month-old has a hard time going to sleep at night. Is it wrong to slip a little bit of rum into the formula before bed?

lincoln365, via e-mail

I don't think there's anything wrong with that. When I was teething and they were trying to get me to sleep, my grandma would make a little hot toddy—tea, honey, lemon,

Beam. I'll tell you what: I slept great for eight hours. A little whiskey on the gums is also good for teething. That's an old hillbilly cure.



ASK ALICE .

# **ALICE COOPER**

The shock-rock pioneer dispenses shockingly sensible advice.

I want to impress my boss by getting a tee time at an exclusive golf club that I don't belong to. Is there any way I can weasel my way in?

Matt McHenry, St. Paul, MN

Certain clubs are very exclusive, but generally anybody is buyable. So pay off either a head pro or a member. Or connect up with a member, give him 500 bucks, and say, "Pretend we're buddies." It'll work. Either that or you can say, "Alice sent me." I can pretty much get onto any course.

Every time I go out drinking, I get wasted after three beers, while my friends can drink all night. What can I do to stop being such a lightweight? Marty Luft, Vail, IA

A Starch. I'm an old alcoholic; I used to wake up in the morning and have a six-pack before I got out of bed. But I haven't had a drink in 23 years now, so I know. Eat a lot of starch, and it'll absorb the beer. Since you live in Ohio, you can get 3.2 beer, which is just about half the strength of real beer. Or you can water down your beer when nobody's looking. But I wouldn't suggest doing it. Watering down your beer? How lame is that?

'Every once in a while, say, "If you lost five pounds, you'd look like Angelina Jolie."
Unless she's really huge.'

My roommate says he's been playing guitar for nine years, but he's still really, really bad. How can I get him to stop?

J. Lambert, Annapolis, MD

Go out and rent an accordion. Every time he picks up that guitar, you pick up your accordion and say, "Let's jam!" Because there is nothing more annoying than an accordion. Pretty soon he'll finally go, "I guess we're really not musical, are we?" It's a Pavlovian thing; every time he sees the guitar he's going to associate it with the accordion.

My girlfriend looks terrible in a string bikini, but she insists on wearing one every time we go to the beach. How can I gently tell her that she should probably wear something a little less revealing?

Jon T., Brooklyn, NY

Usually a woman is the one who's self-conscious. She will say, "Does this make me look fat?" and you can say, "Yeah it does!" But the fact she's letting it all hang out is refreshing. Go with it. Every once in a while say, "Y'know, if you lost five pounds, you'd look like Angelina Jolie." Unless she's really huge.

My dog humps every person who walks into the house. And I've had him fixed! Is there anything else I can do to curb his libido?

Maryann Wilson, Sacramento, CA

I've actually had dogs like that. I'd tell everybody, "Look at this cute trick my dog does!" and let them think you trained your dog to do that. Or anytime anybody comes over, just put the dog outside. It can be really embarrassing when your pastor comes over and the dog's humping his leg.

My brother is always asking me to baby-sit his three kids, and I don't like kids. How do I get out of it for good?

L. Aaron, Toronto, Ontario

Have one really horrendous baby-sitting experience, where you say things like, "Kids drink beer, right?,""| left the gas on. Jeez, I do that all the time,""The kids wanted to play in the garage, so I turned on the car..." Come off as being so irresponsible that they would never even think of using you again. Don't hurt the kids, but be creative.

The girl I'm dating is Jewish and says she'll only marry me if I convert. I'm an atheist. Is it wrong to convert if I don't believe in what I'm doing?

Barry Lindgren, Milwaukee, WI

If you're an atheist, what's the matter? You don't care anyway. If there's no God, you're not going to be hit by lightning. Go ahead and convert...depending, of course, on how hot she is. Also, understand that if you're going into a Jewish family, nothing is ever going to be OK. It's like the old joke...After their meal, a waiter goes up to four Jewish women in the restaurant and says, "Was anything OK?" All my friends are Jews, so I can tell Jewish jokes.

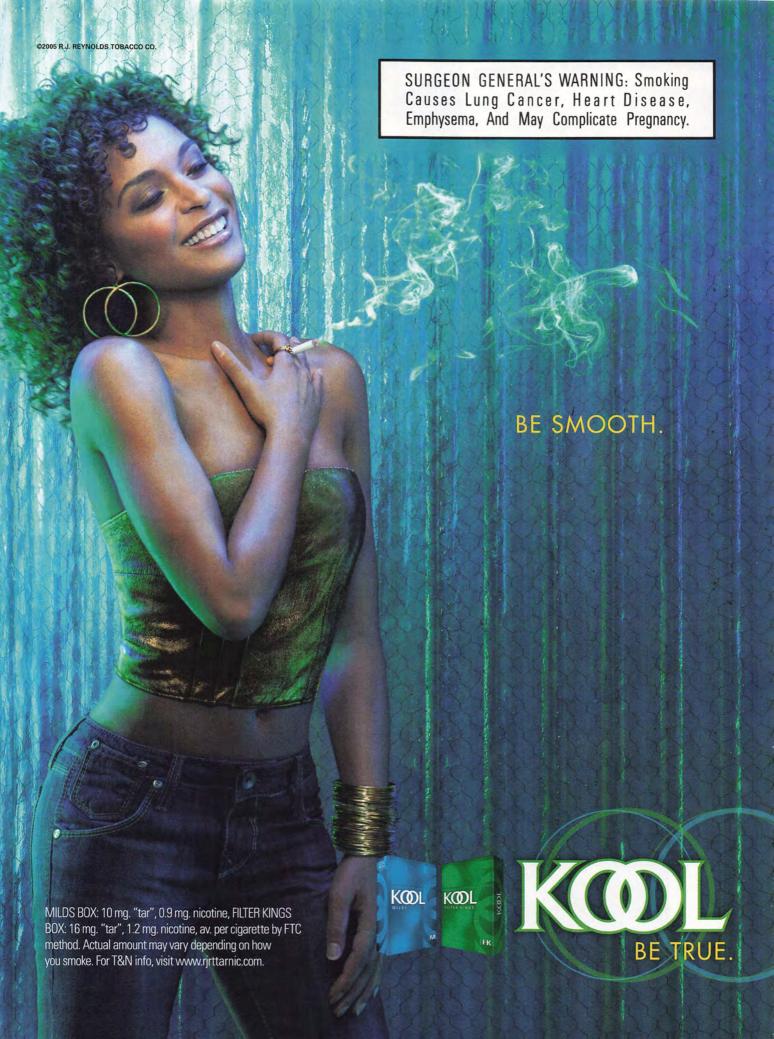
I have a friend who's absurdly rich.
I'm poor as dirt, and a couple grand
would change my life. Is there any way I
can ask him for some dough?

Brian P., Phoenix, AZ

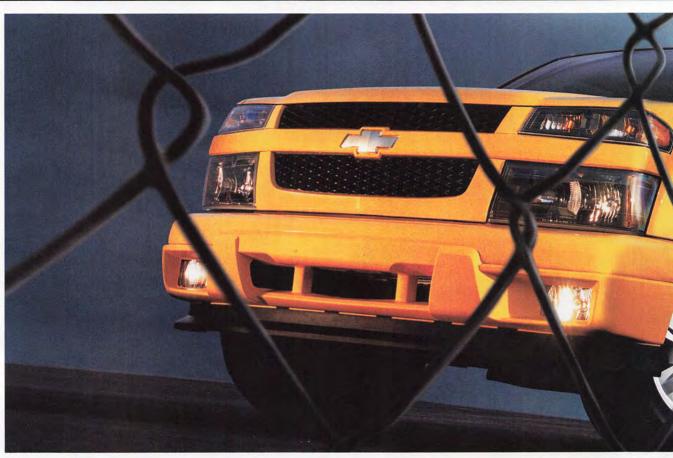
I've been on the other side of that situation. The best way to handle it is to ask if you can do something to earn it. Don't come off as a friend trying to cash in. Come in as a guy willing to work for it. Because there's a thin line between friend and schmuck. It's easy to become a schmuck real quick.

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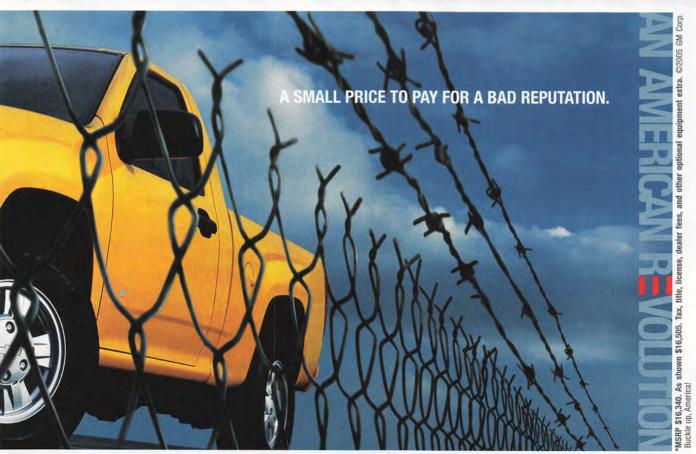




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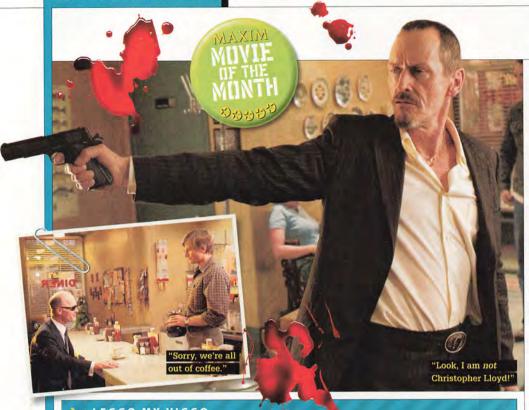


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LEGGO MY VIGGO

### STORY OF VIOLENCE

It's a winsome little film about peace, love, and understanding.



Out: September 30 Director: David Cronenberg Stars: Viggo Mortensen, Ed Harris, Maria Bello Sure, the title sounds like the name of a textbook you'd buy for an elective college course, but A History of Violence, based on the graphic novel, is an A+ psychological drama. Tom Stall (Mortensen) loves his wife, kids, and white-picket life in Millbrook, Indiana-at least until two men try to rob his diner and end up eating the leadplate special. Soon after, Carl Fogaty (Harris) rolls up in a big black car with some unfinished business to mop up, and before you can ask if Daddy used to be a contract killer, Stall is defending his turf like a middle linebacker in a bar brawl: cracking skulls, spilling blood, and boning his wife on the stairs with a vengeance in a scene that will get tongues (and other bits) wagging. Usually, the

only action in a David Cronenberg film is when weak-stomached moviegoers run for the toilet. This time around the action will keep you glued to your seat. We're guessing: ♥♥♥♥♥



"It's OK, we're



SAFE BET

#### TWO FOR THE MONEY

Al Pacino plays a gambler with a compulsive yelling problem.

Out: October 7 Director: D.J. Caruso Stars: Al Pacino, Rene Russo, Matthew McConaughey, Jeremy Piven

The story: In real life, when big-time college football players see their pro hopes implode, they end up falling into a job at the local used-

car dealership, making pilgrimages to visit their shrine at T.G.I. Friday's, and picking up freshmen chicks at dollar draft night. In Two for the Money, when Brandon Lane (McConaughey) sees his chances at making the NFL fall apart like Courtney Love after a court hearing, he lucks into a job with Walter Abraham (Pacino), head of a major sports gambling consultancy, and ends up picking winners. As the money rolls in, Brandon and Walter get closer than John Goodman and Kevin James sharing a bucket of hot wingsthat is, until Brandon's hot streak freezes over and the happy couple start trying to con each other out of a shitload of money. Sigh. Money does change everything.

We're guessing: OOOO

#### RATINGS:

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#### ALSO PLAYING



Out: September 23 Stars: Johnny Depp Remember The Nightmare Before Christmas? This is the same kind of fun family film, provided the kids don't mind necrophiliac overtones.

We're guessing: OOO

TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE



#### INTO THE BLUE

Out: September 30 Stars: Jessica Alba Jessica Alba in a wet suit, running from drug dealers after finding a sunken treasure. Dude, that's worth the 10 bucks right there.

We're guessing: OOO



Out: October 7 Stars: Ryan Reynolds When they're not hocking loogies into the food, the staff at Shenanigans show each other their balls...just like the lunch ladies in junior high!

We're quessing: OOO



#### THUMBSUCKER

Out: September 16 Stars: Lou Taylor Pucci An arty little comedy about a kid who is addicted to thumbsucking. Keanu Reeves is in it, so it'll be intentionally and unintentionally hilarious.

We're quessing: OOOO



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FUSH #

Maxim rating:

Hip-hop doesn't exactly unfurl the welcome mat for 32-year-old Lebanese-American rappers nobody's ever heard of, but with his major-label debut, Detroit's Hush is barging in anyway. It helps to have an invite from Eminem, who produces a number of tracks and sings the hook on the vivid armedrobbery ode "Off to Tijuana." Big, nasty guitar riffs stomp across nearly every song, but Hush's sharp, biting flow (which sounds so much like Em's, you'll wonder if this isn't the record Em should have made last year) keeps things from devolving into some lame rap-rock redux. On the mesmerizing "Let It Breathe," he and Talib Kweli drop a thumbnail history of hip-hop over shuffling beats, and the stalker anthem "Right Behind You" is the first rap song ever to give props to Jim Croce. (It's about freaking time-Croce keeps it gangsta!) Hush also knows the Slim Shady blessing comes with a curse: As he puts it on "Superstar," "Most people see me and think, 'Damn, not again/They signed another guy that's a friend of Eminem's." But once they hear the shots he fires on Bulletproof, they'll come around.





Mos Def Black on Both Sides (Rawkus, 1999)

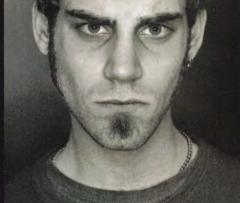


Atmosphere God Loves Ugly (Fat Beats, 2002)

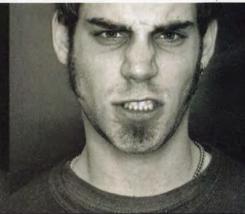


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rage just beneath the surface. "The Rage
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provocation could send you over the edge.





#### Somebody's Miracle (Capitol) Everyone who was hurt by Liz Phair's turn toward radioready pop on her last album can buck up:

She's gone from total

crap to mediocre. 00000

#### REVIEWS IN HAIKU

Reviews of old bands your dad likes—still only 17 syllables!

**EARTH. WIND & FIRE** Illumination (Sanctuary) Classic soul smoothies/Kick it with some younger cats/And come back to life.

THE ROLLING **STONES** A Bigger Bang (Virgin) Pacemakers be damned!/For the first time in decades/The

**ERIC CLAPTON** Back Home (Reprise/Duck) Less dull than recent/Clapton outings, but it still/ Sounds like Ambien.

RIC OCASEK

Nexterday (Inverse/Sanctuary) **BON JOVI** Have a Nice Day (Island) Hey, it's New Jersey/ Where nacho cheese riffs, mall hair,/And Bon Jovi rule.



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shoots Ric



#### Distort Yourself

(Interscope) After disbanding Bush, former frontman Gavin Rossdale had an idea: Create a band that sounds exactly like Bush! Maybe he was trying to throw the haters off with the name change, but nobody's going to be fooled by this tired, grungelite crud.





#### **SEAN PAUL** The Trinity

(Atlantic) On his Dutty Rock follow-up, Paul collaborates with no-names like Wayne Marshall (and archenemy of Kleenexes everywhere, Looga Man), which only further showcases his talent for making people shake it like methaddled epileptics at a Hula-Hoop contest. 0000



#### THE IKE REILLY **ASSASSIN-**

ATION Junkie Faithful (Rock Ridge) People that inhabit the solid rock songs on this album don't beat the odds or discover the meaning of life. They take drugs, treat their girlfriends like crap, shrug, and move on. Y'know, like regular people. 0000



Get It (Columbia) Rock'n'roll isn't rocket science: Play hard, play loud, and you'll do fine. The Lashes get this. Their appropriately titled debut swizzles together Cheap Trick, Weezer, and the Jam, then spits them back as swaggering, infectious three-minute power-pop blitzes. Get it? You should. 0000



**Excerpts From** the Diary of Todd Zilla (V2) Grandaddy are like Pink Floyd if Pink Floyd sold their shit, moved to Burnout, California, and spent their days off huffing paint. (Yes, they're that good.) This EP features more of the same kind of lush pop numbers fans love 'em for. Rock on, Mr. Zilla. 0000



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ing to sing.../Don't

quit that day job.

#### **Coming Home**

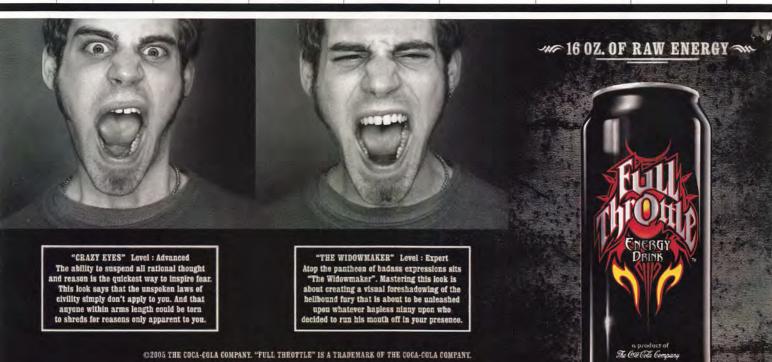
(BNA) Male country musicians shouldn't be prettier than their female counterparts, and with this boring album of soccer mom music, Lonestar sound even prettier than they look, especially on songs like "I Am a Man," which comes across as one long apology for being one.

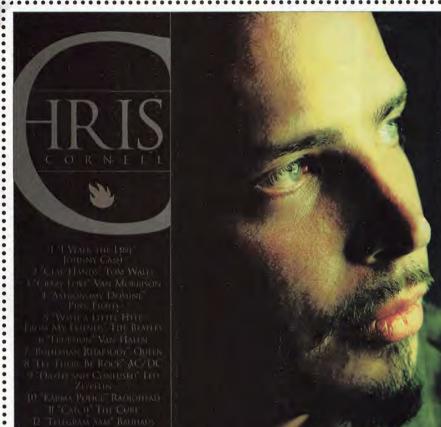


DISTURBED

Ten Thousand Fists (Reprise) Sure, the riffs sound like metal, but we smell...poseur. Maybe it's the way the singer preens like he's fronting Journey, but by the time Disturbed launch into their unintentionally hilarious cover of Genesis' "Land of Confusion," it's clear the whole band's gone soft.

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FIND THE FRONTMAN

#### HERE'S ZACK?

Since Rage Against the Machine broke up, Zack de la Rocha has been harder to find than D.B. Cooper.











#### PRIVATE MIX

The supergroup's singer shows us his garden of sound.

. "I Walk the Line" Johnny Cash "Every time a new verse starts, it's in a different key. You can sing it, but you've got to be a great singer."

#### 2. "Clap Hands" Tom Waits

"This was one of the last times I bought somebody's record from hearing a song on the radio."

#### 3. "Crazy Love" Van Morrison

"I sang this at my wedding. The voice teacher told me, 'Sing like you're taking a hit of a joint."

#### 4. "Astronomy Domine" Pink Floyd

"This had a huge effect on me as a musician. It has this really playful, clowny sweetness to it even though it's crazy and aggressive."

#### 5. "With a Little Help From My Friends"

"If you made a CD of only the songs that Ringo sang, it would be a great record."

#### 6. "Eruption" Van Halen

"I was 12, smoking on the lunch court, and some older guy-who I don't think even went to school there—walked by cranking it. 'Eruption' completely changed rock guitar for everyone."

#### 7. "Bohemian Rhapsody" Queen

"I remember wondering what the hell it was. It wasn't like anything I had ever heard in my life."

#### 8. "Let There Be Rock" AC/DC

"I've gone to the Virgin Megastore 50,000 times looking for Let There Be Rock, the best live rock'n'roll movie ever, and they never have it."

#### 9. "Dazed and Confused" Led Zeppelin

"Plant's shaking his hips, Page is playing with a bow, and they're annoying—whatever, it was incredibly ahead of its time."

#### IO. "Karma Police" Radiohead

"It's a powerful song. You can make an angry rock song and have it be beautiful."

#### 11. "Catch" The Cure

"I love that they'll play for a minute and a half before vocals come in. You don't even know if there's going to be singing by then."

#### 12. "Telegram Sam" Bauhaus

"The best rock video ever. They had one big light and one camera, and the dudes went behind some factory at night and did it. It looks scary."



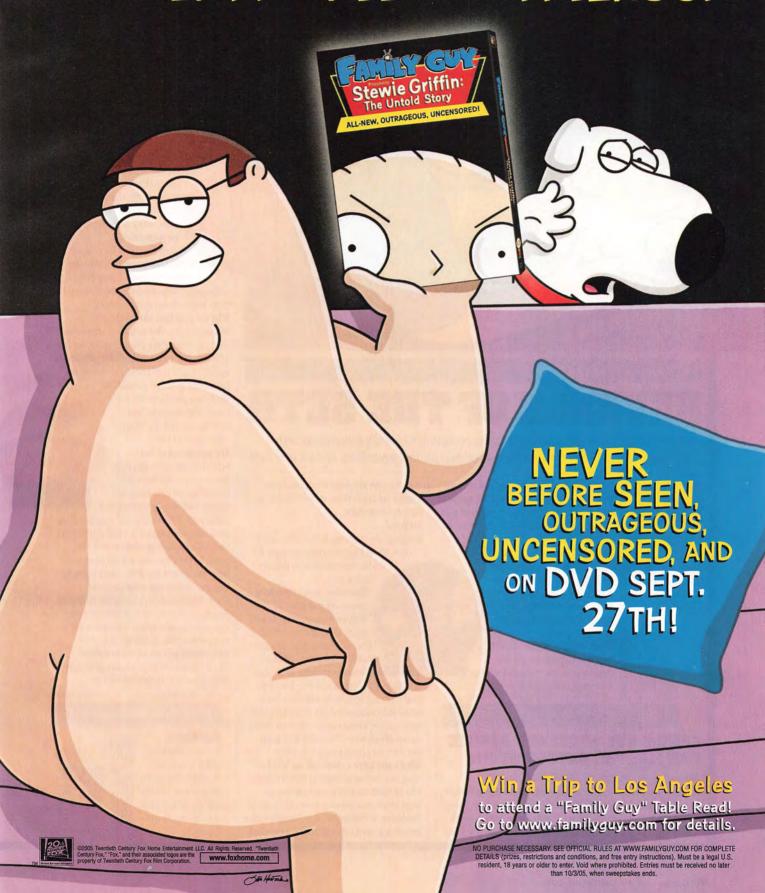
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FAMILY MATTERS

### REVENGE OF THE SETH

You can't cancel him—you can only hope to contain him! Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane fills us in on receiving fanwiches, how alcohol saves lives, and his new DVD.



You're not just repackaging old crap we have already seen as a new DVD, are you? No, this is all new stuff. They'll probably air it on TV, though. We constructed it so that it's three episodes that link together to form a kind of

How did the DVD come about? Well, they made so much selling

made-for-TV Family Guy movie.

[four million copies of] the first two seasons on DVD that there was a corporate desire to make additional money.

What will they think of next?

I tell ya—corporations and their crazy schemes. The movie took us more Frankie Muniz!" than a year to do, so it's definitely not

something we just slapped together. It's fun because we can do things on the DVD that we can't do on television.

Language, like the occasional use of the word fuck. All the legal restrictions still apply. It's

still the same company, so they don't want to get sued.

#### What lines won't the show cross-incest jokes?

Well, we've done incest jokes. It's mostly things that are topical. Obviously, we wouldn't do a joke "Hey, everyone! It's about 9/11. Sometimes when a celebrity does the show and is very

> nice, they kind of get an immunity from any kind of jab, just because we feel guilty. That's where Hollywood writers like myself tend to be major pussies, because you're safe in this little cocoon of your writers' room. But then when you meet the person, you feel like a heel.

Didn't you have a close call on 9/11?

Yeah, I was booked on Flight 11 [which crashed into the north tower]. I was out drinking the night before, after lecturing at my alma mater in Providence, so I missed the flight. The only reason it didn't scar me for life was that I'm a chronically

late person and I've missed just about every flight I've ever had. Alcohol does save lives! It does, it really does. It does wonders for your self-esteem, too.

Speaking of self-esteem, when Family Guy started, you were 25, just out of school...and Fox handed you a \$2.5 million production deal. What did you buy? A house and a Mercedes E430. But the single most important thing was that I was finally able

likes it people-style.

thinking I was doing the smart thing, only to find out that no credit is worse than bad credit. So I literally could not get a credit card. And then, overnight, I had credit cards!

> How many times were you guys canceled?

I don't even know. The only real cancellation, technically, would be after the third season. It's like dating a girl who just stops calling you after a year and then comes back and wants sex again.

#### Why are your fans so rabid?

Animation fans—and sci-fi fans—have always been possessive of the shows they like. One time a fan offered me a corned beef sandwich when I was standing outside a hotel in New York, He just walked up with it and said,"Mr. MacFarlane, would you like this corned beef sandwich?" And I said,"No, of course not. I don't

#### know where it's been." Are you pissed at Fox?

No. A lot of executives over there were so passionate about the show. When we were doing the the Batman logo?" controversial Weinstein episode and

arguing over the "I Need a Jew" song, one of the studio executives went into a staff meeting and sang it a cappella to get them to air it. The simple fact was the show was not doing well.

#### Now you've got the DVD...any plans to expand Family Guy even further?

There's been talk about a Family Guy musical on Broadway. I haven't said no. If I had the time right now, I'd probably take a crack at it, just because how often do you get to do that? How would you do all those voices? Oh, no. I would just write it. I can't go onstage

without a whole bunch of booze in me.

#### MOVIE MUNCHABLES

#### TRISCUITS

"I would recommend eating Triscuits with this movie. Slap some cream cheese on there and you get a fantastic snack for any hour of the day."

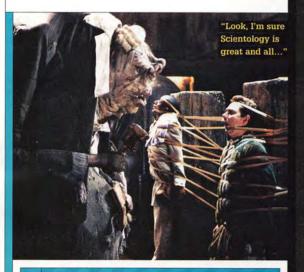


#### OH, BABY!

#### **FAMILY GUY PRESENTS STEWIE GRIFFIN: THE UNTOLD STORY**

Most direct-to-DVD movies suck. This one doesn't.

How could a fat bozo like Peter Griffin sire a brilliant baby hellbent on world domination? Stewie asks himself the same question after seeing a man who looks just like him on TV and goes on a search for his real father in this never-before-seen feature-length Family Guy flick.



THUMBS UP

### THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Earth explodes, and a man with a towel discovers the secret of the universe. No, it's not Gary Busey.



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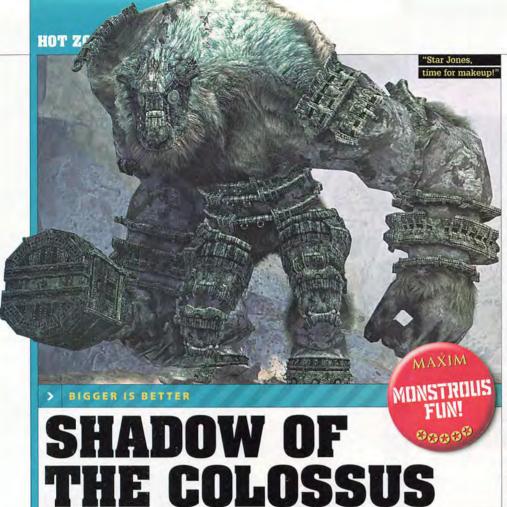
Clear some space on the bookshelf, call the pizza man, and give your Internet girlfriend the night off—the two-decades-in-the-making film adaptation of Douglas Adams' cult classic is out on DVD! Outside of a brainless romantic subplot that makes Michael Jackson's marriages look passionate, the movie is pretty faithful to the book, in which Earth gets all blowed up and a puny human and his alien pal go on a bizarre intergalactic adventure. But it's the trippy visuals of singing dolphins—and Sam Rockwell's Elvismeets-Bill Clinton portrayal of President Zaphod Beeblebrox—that will really have your inner geek snorting.

**Extra!** Most DVDs give you deleted scenes, but Hitchhiker's takes it one step further and gives you *fake* deleted scenes, plus all kinds of strange extras, like a sing-a-long version of

the movie's informal theme song, "So Long & Thanks for All the Fish," and a playable version of hangman starring Marvin the (seriously depressed and probably suicidal) Robot.



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the green light."

#### Sony [PS2]

Ball-busting bosses, Borg-like collection agencies, that soul-sucking harpy whose finger you foolishly put a ring on . . . we've all been abused by someone bigger and stronger than us. So even if you can't appreciate this epic quest to slay the 16 super-size monsters who stand between a nameless hero and his lost love, at least the hidden subtext is cheaper than therapy. Thunder across photorealistic

plains and valleys on horseback; hunt winged serpents and stone giants whose measurements make Brian Dennehy look like Brian Boitano. And when brute force or a sunbeamspitting magic sword fails, strike back the way you wish you could at schoolyard bulliesusing a bow and arrow instead. Succeed and you continue. Fail and you'll get trampled by someone bigger and stronger yet again.

Maxim rating: 00000



WIN, BRUISE, DRAW

## **HE LEAGUE**

Midway [PS2, Xbox]

Crave a purer form of pigskin, where painkillers and cheap shots aren't just overlooked but encouraged? Then give this ballsy baller a try. Pick your team and earn touchdowns the old-fashioned way...by cheating. Chop block, pancake, and body slam your way to victory, bloodying opponents and making 'em cry. Aw, is your hamstring hurting, Nancy?

Mr. Magic Needle will make the pain-and horrifyingly banal play-by-play-go away. Maxim rating: 0000





#### BLIPS ON THE SCREEN



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Myelin Media [PS2, Xbox, PSP]



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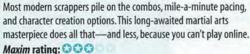
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survey, 80 percent of children ages

#### Namco [PS2]

**SOULCALIBUR III** 





#### **MARVEL NEMESIS: RISE OF THE IMPERFECTS**

Electronic Arts [GameCube, PS2, Xbox, PSP] Classic crime-stoppers (Spider-Man, Wolverine, the Human Torch) brawl costumed kooks you've never heard of (Johnny Ohm? Brigade?) on N.Y.C. streets. Call it the Legion of Doo.

Maxim rating: 33

#### OH, JESUS!

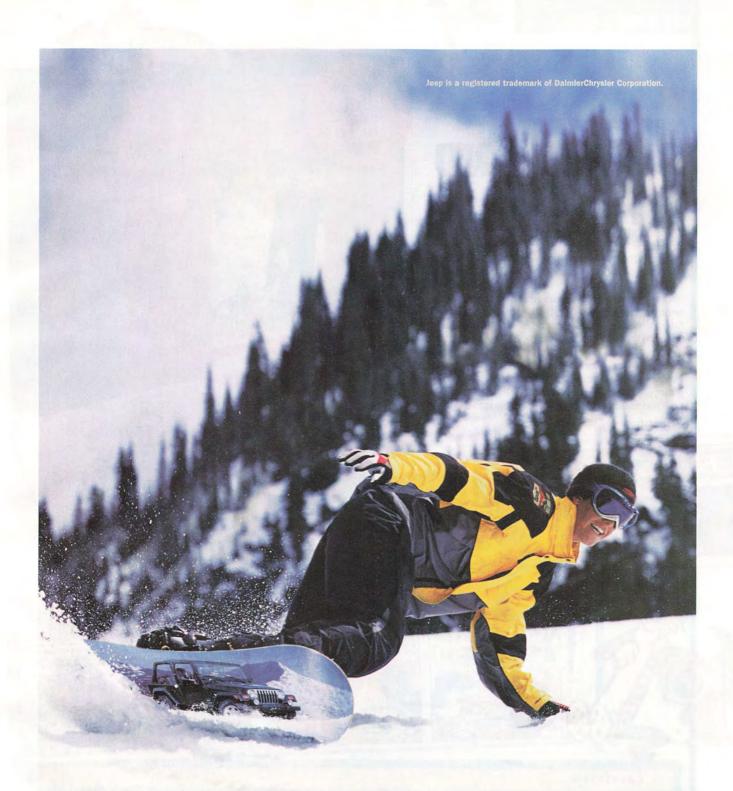


#### THE BIBLE GAME

Crave [PS2]

It's Jeopardy! for the Jesus set, where fundamentalists can test their knowledge of religious fundamentals on the TV-based game show Do Unto Others. It's the kind of game the really religious will find hella righteous (and dull); to people who enjoy dismemberment and partial nudity

> in their gaming, it's holy crapola. Maxim rating: 9 9 0













CALVINISM

#### UNNY PAGE FACTS

Think you know everything about the stuffed tiger and his six-year-old pal? Think again, fan boy.

Before he started Calvin and Hobbes, Bill Watterson designed grocery store ads.

Watterson was adamantly against licensing agreements to make Calvin-themed crap, which means those "Calvin pissing" decals are illegal.

David Spade has a tattoo of Calvin on his upper arm; it was given to him by Sean Penn

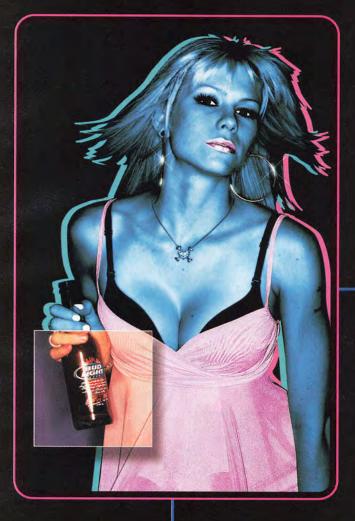
United Feature Syndicate wanted Watterson to include the character Robotman in Calvin and Hobbes, prompting him to take it elsewhere.

Printing the first run of The Complete Calvin and Hobbes required 13 tons of ink and 34,957 reams of paperthat's 2,097 trees!

If it becomes a **New York Times** bestseller, The Complete Calvin and Hobbes will be the heaviest and most expensive book to crack the list.

After quitting the comic, Watterson told his publisher, Universal Press Syndicate, not to forward any fan mail.

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# FORT BRAGG

It's the biggest, baddest Army base in the world. Here's why we're number one!



#### SITE STATS

Location: 12 miles
NW of Fayetteville,
North Carolina
Size: 251 square
miles (three times
the size of Boston)
Staff: 43,000
military and 8,000
civilian personnel
Records: Largest
army installation and
airborne facility in
the world

Portion of U.S.
Army at Fort Bragg:
10 percent
Office space: 20
million square feet
(larger than five
Pentagons!)
Restaurants: 28
(including a Hardee's
and a KFC, but no
McDonald's)
Operating budget:
\$400 million per year

Cash pumped into local economy: \$4.1 billion (that's more than the economies of Liechtenstein, Greenland, and Bermuda combined) Plus: A major medical center, eight schools, 11 churches, and even a wiccan coven, the Pope Open Circle

#### AND SPORTS COMPLEX It's got an ice skating rink that's home to the soldiers' hockey team, which beat the FDNY in two games this past February. Then New York's bravest gave the victors a firefighter's ax for their service in Afghanistan and Iraq. FK CHAPEL They hold funeral services for fallen Special Forces troops here. By tradition, behind a soldier's casket stand his boots and his M-4 carbine on its muzzle, with his dog tags hanging from the trigger guard. Headquarters of the Security Assistance Training Management Organization, which sends teams to help developing countries build their own armies...so that we can later bomb them. SICILY DROP ZONE One of the main spots at Bragg for testing whether or not you've packed your chute properly. The ground is nice and sandy, so if your pack malfunctions, they can just cover you up like a cat turd. Inverness MacArthur Lake Salerno Holland Drop Zone Drop Zone Sicily Drop Zone FORT BRAGG Plank Rd.

#### BRAGG'S STOR

1918 The Army spends \$6 million to create Camp Bragg, a training camp to churn out troops for World War I. Bragg opens in September, and the war ends two months later.

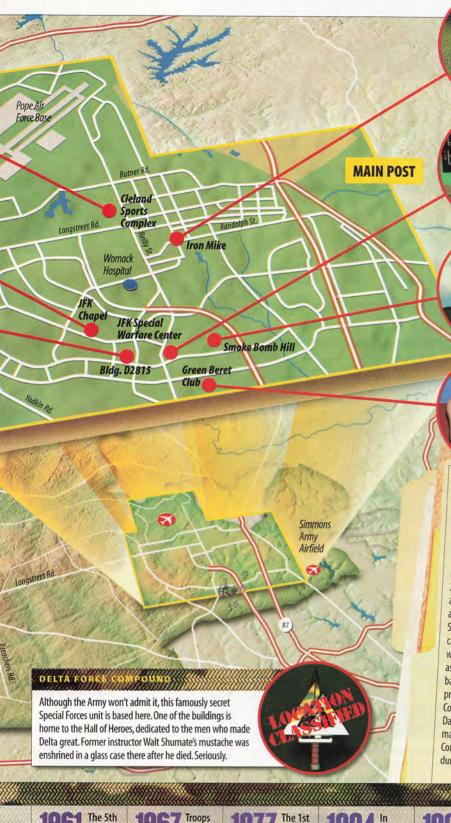
1919 A landing field for planes and balloons is opened at Bragg. Pilots actually have to buzz the area first with a low pass to scare wild deer away before their planes can land.

1922 Hoping the French and Germans will fuck up the peace in Europe, the Army turns Camp Bragg into a permanent post and officially renames the place Fort Bragg.

1939 The Army's wildest dreams come true, and the French and Germans fuck up the peace in Europe. Gls are disappointed to find that French women really don't shower that often.

1940 The U.S. starts the first peacetime draft. Within a year Bragg takes on 60,000 extra soldiers. Buildings to house the new GIs pop up at a rate of one every 32 minutes.

1941 Not to be oneupped by war-torn Europe, the Japanese fuck up the peace at Pearl Harbor, and soldiers at Bragg start learning the Japanese words for beer and brothel. 1942 The 82nd Airborne is stationed at Bragg along with tank units, air corps, parachute infantry, and engineers. Wartime troop strength at Bragg is almost 160,000.



IRON MIKE

Erected in 1961, this statue of an Airborne trooper weighs more than 3,000 pounds and is 16 feet tall. Why the nickname Iron Mike? No one knows. We figure it's 'cause he comes alive at night and bites off people's ears.

#### JOHN F. KENNEDY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHO

Almost 2,000 volunteers try out to become the cream of the commando crop by earning their Green Berets. Only about 600 make it. Lard-asses need not apply.

#### NOKE BOMB HILL

Back in olden tymes, artillery units used this hill as a firing range, marking their targets with smoke pots. Today it's where soldiers go to pack a bowl and get high, man. Kidding! Don't kill us.

#### GREEN BERET CLUB

Despite the club's name and the plaques on the wall honoring fallen Green Beret soldiers, this joint is open to all kinds. Go on in, order a drink, and pretend you're a Navy guy. G'head! We'll wait outside.

#### ASK US ANYTHING

Who was this bragg guy? Gen. Braxton Bragg was born in 1817 in Warrenton, North Carolina. As a 20-year-old he graduated from West Point and served in the Seminole and Mexican wars. When he was kicking Mexico's ass, his unit provided backup for the future president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis-who later made Bragg a Confederate general during the Civil War.

Bragg may have been a strategical genius, but everyone hated him. Several generals tried to get him relieved of his command, and one even challenged him to a duel. Nathan Bedford Forrest refused to serve under him, called him "a damned scoundrel," and threatened to kill him.

Bragg was also crazier than a shaved rat in a coffee can. At one point he held two positions at one time:



company commander and company quartermaster. As commander, he requested supplies from himself. As quartermaster, he refused his own requests. No kidding. Why did we name a fort after a deranged, hated lunatic? Because he died before we could make him president.

1961 The 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) is activated and given the mission of training counterinsurgency forces for deployment in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

1967 Troops from the 82nd Airborne at Bragg are sent to Detroit to suppress massive riots that will kill 43 people, injure over 1,000, and result in more than 7,000 arrests.

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment: Delta, known to the world as Delta Force, is secretly created and supposedly stationed at a remote part of the complex.

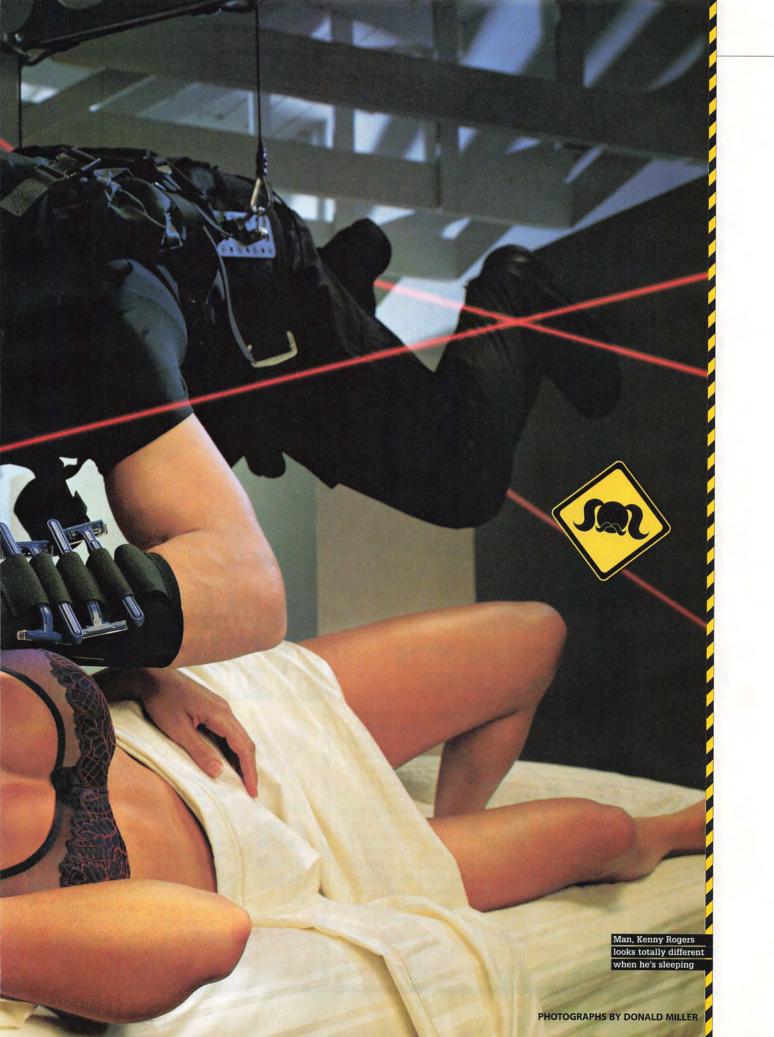
1994 In March an F-16 fighter collides midair with a cargo plane, then crashes into another plane on the tarmac. Twenty-four soldiers die, and 100 are wounded.

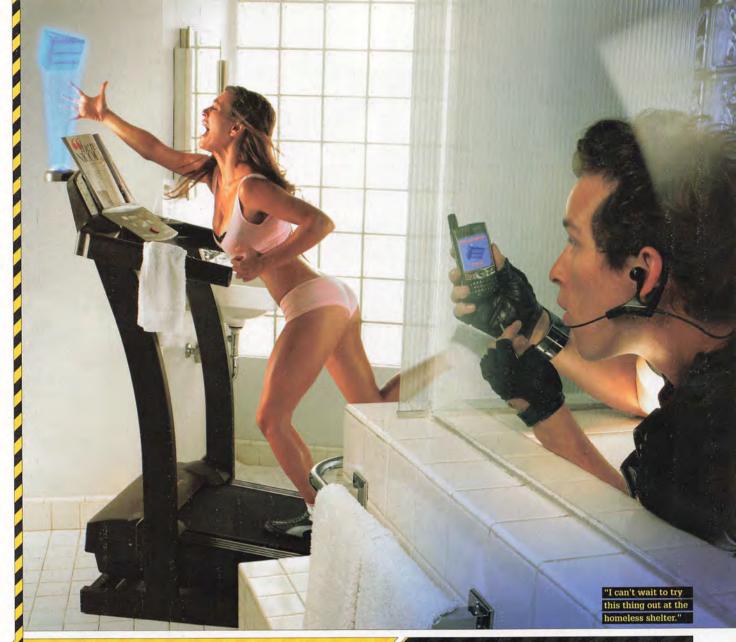
1998 Ali Mohamed, a former sergeant who was stationed at Bragg, is arrested for working with al Qaeda. He is charged for his part in the attack on the U.S. embassy in Kenya.

2002 Four wives of soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg are killed, allegedly by their husbands. Three of the men, who'd returned from Afghanistan, subsequently commit suicide.

2005 More than 10,000 troops from Fort Bragg are serving overseas in Iraq or Afghanistan, dreaming about the day they get to return to the god-awful North Carolina heat.







#### **SHE'S PACKING MORE PIZZA** THAN A DOMINO'S DRIVER

The problem: "When I first met Debbi she had an ass you could bounce a quarter off of. Thousands of Big Macs later, she looks less like a supermodel and more like Chris Farley."

-Paolo, 26, driver The mistake: When she asks if her pants make her look fat, saying, "No, it's your giant ass that makes you look fat, Roseanne!" The fix: The first thing to understand is that a woman who's no longer at her fighting weight is probably happy."It's her finally feeling comfortable in her own skin," says Kristi, 27."Girls spend most of their lives eating lettuce and chicken breast in an attempt to be skinny to snag a boyfriend." But while her "full figure" might be a sign that she's content, it doesn't mean you have to settle for a relationship bait-andswitch that leaves you stuck with defective

goods. Before you gripe about her extra pounds, though, check the man in the mirror. If you're a typical American male, chances are you could shed the residue of all the deep-fried animal flesh you scarfed last year. The good news is your spare tire is the ticket to get both of you in shape. When her birthday or "special day" (which for her means about every two weeks) rolls around, surprise her with a gift of a joint membership to the local health club or rock-climbing gym. She'll be so excited that you took the initiative



on some creative "together" activity, she won't

notice the dark motives behind your brilliant



She got a **Wookiee** problem? It's up to you to do the dirty work.

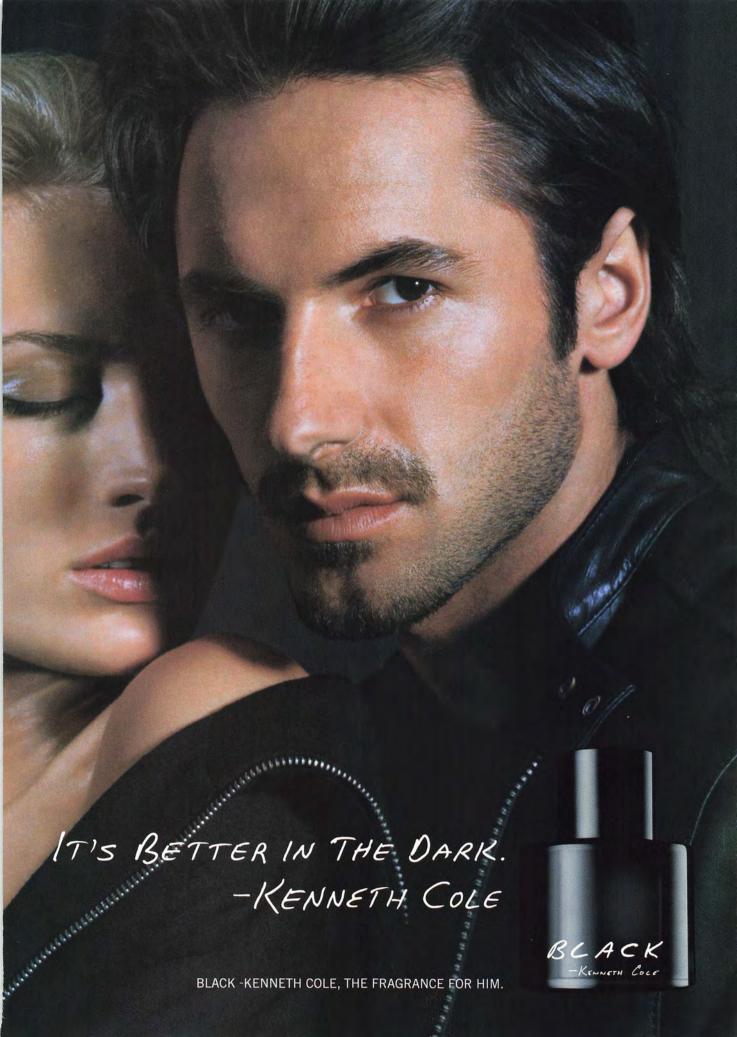
The problem: "Giving oral to Lisa is like making out with Don King."

-Anonymous, 33, tech consultant

The mistake: Telling her she should shave herself-not just because that's what porno stars do, but because it's just plain classy.

The fix: Make this fix together. "If she's got a hygiene problem, help her out a little," advises Sandor Gardos, Ph.D., sex therapist and founder of mypleasure.com."Draw her a sensuous bath and offer to give her a sponge bath as foreplay." While you're massaging her, discreetly reach for the razor and tell her how the intoxicating sight of freshly shaved pubes makes you want to go down on her. Once she realizes she'll get more oral action (and get your motor humming), she'll mow the lawn more often than John Deere.





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## SHE'S STUCK ON YOU

The problem: "Since we moved in together, my girl's social world has dwindled to a circle of one -with me in the center." — Gerry, 29, teacher

The mistake: Explaining to her that her constant presence is more suffocating than a chicken bone in a fat man's throat.

The fix: As Peter Cetera once noted, "Everybody needs a little time away." Especially from the person with whom you share the same utensils, toilet seat, and come rag. Whether you want to drink with your buds or just sit in a dark room and brood, you need space. Enrolling her in Scrapbooking for Beginners at the local community college isn't going to give her the push she needs. The problem is, women start neglecting their friends when they get into a relationship. That means you need to listen when she talks

about people at work (the ones she likes, anyway), then trick her into pursuing a relationship. Secretly buy a pair of tickets to some Julia

Roberts chick flick or a Sarah McLachlan show, then tell her that you'd love to go with her but have to work late. Suggest she take one of your buddy's girlfriends. She'll form her own little Ya-Ya Sisterhood, leaving plenty of time for you and your friend to reminisce about how much easier things were when you were single.





GROWING PAINS

## **BEFORE THE ALTAR**

She became a woman without you around. Here's how.

## SHE DIDN'T SPROUT BOOBS

She first became self-conscious of her body when her friends' nubs made for the hills and left her in the flatlands. Imagine the whole world checking out your two-inch dick every day.

## SHE WASN'T A CHEERLEADER

Whether it was losing to the pretty bitches or some other female rivals, this was the first night she cried on her pillow. Now she's got your arm.

## SHE LOST HER VIRGINITY

The event may have been Earth-moving or traumatizing. Either way, it had more to do with shaping her expectations of romance than the actual down and dirty. So just call the next day, would ya?

## SHE WAS VICTIM **OF VICIOUS** RUMORS

Those catty monologues about how her coworker Judy is such a slut that come from her otherwise sweet mouth? Here's where it started.

## SHE WAS **CHEATED ON**

Some dickhead built that brittle, untrusting shell around her. Now you have to tear it down and haul away the debris.

## SHE HAD A ONE-**NIGHT STAND**

Whether she regretted her decision to do the anonymous nooky or not, she probably learned a thing or two in the sack while her inhibitions were down. You score!

## SHE SLEPT WITH AN OLDER GUY That divorced man-

ager at Burger King taught her how to clean out the grease trap...then had her his way.

## SHE TOOK A WOMEN'S STUDIES CLASS

She's comfortable with her body and its sensual powers (good), hypersensitive to the institutionalized sexism in your refusal to do housework (bad), and occasionally doesn't feel obligated to shave her pits (ugly).

## SHE BECAME **PALS WITH MOM**

After two decades of wanting to claw out Mom's eyes, nature's inevitable course took hold. Now take out the goddamn trash and help her move this sofa!

## SHE DATED A **NICE GUY** He taught her how to push you around.

## SHE'S GOT A HARPY PAL

The problem: "Her best friend from school is the most obnoxious woman I've ever met. Including my ex. It wouldn't be so bad except she comes along half the time we go out." -Jason, 30, technical writer

The mistake: Plowing through a bottle of Jose Cuervo, telling off the friend, and presenting your girl with a her-or-me ultimatum.

The fix: You might be enjoying a more intimate relationship with your squeeze (as far as you know), but her best friend still has it all over you. As relationship counselor Nina Atwood (author of Soul Talk: Powerful, Positive Communication for a Loving Partnership) notes, "The best friend is a relationship dynamic that usually existed before you and will likely persist." So is your only chance at happiness to hook up with a friendless librarian? No, says Atwood."When it affects you, you need to speak up." Solid advice. But you can also let the repellent friend speak up for herself.

Buy a microcassette recorder, and the next time the three of you go out, stash it in a pocket to record her endless stream of

bile—the catty comments about some friend you couldn't give a shit about, boring anecdotes about C-list celebrities, and man-hating rants about exes who were smart enough to dump her. Next day, splice a "worst of" reel to play back for your woman. Even if she doesn't like hearing her friend's own words used against her, she'll realize how much this wretched cow is interfering with your happiness. You should soon start seeing much less of her.





## **HER ORAL BLOWS**

The problem: "When my girlfriend was 19, just watching her go down on me was incredible. But the truth is she's not very experienced. I need her to stop handling my unit like a lollipop and more like it's a gearshift with a burned-out clutch."

-Kellen, 26, stockbroker

The mistake: Stopping her midway through the act and telling her you got better head when you were an altar boy.

The fix: Since Blow Jobs 101 isn't on too many college curricula (at least none north of the Mason-Dixon Line), women have to learn about hummers by good ol'-fashioned trial and error. The first step toward ending your role as fellatio guinea pig is getting her to understand that she needs to stop handling your salami like she's going to break it and more like it's the first food she's had in weeks. We want porn-star head, and the best way to get that is to show her how Kobe Tai earns her paycheck.

"I had it in my head that penis equals sensitivity, so I was doing feathery strokes and gentle licks," says Brenda, 26."After a night of drinking, we popped in a porno and my guy pointed out the kind of oral that turns him on." Next time your girlfriend's feeling experimental, suggest the latest from Vivid Video, then tell her how hot it is when a woman gives hardcore, down-and-dirty head. She needs to seem like she's enjoying it even more than the guy, which, as we all know, is highly unlikely.





TROUBLESHOOTING

## **DISTRESSING DAMSELS**

These public women have unique problems. Maxim to the rescue!



## **MELISSA RIVERS** Problem: Spawn of Joan hampered by mommy complex. Fix: A new maternal role model that keeps Mom's best traitsadorable smoker's hack, alcohol tolerance—but adds a touch of class.



**KATIE COURIC** Problem: Has ridden fake perkiness to fake journalism fame. Fix: Real reporting in a location where childlike giggling wouldn't save her ass: Katie Couric: One Week Undercover in Compton.



CONDOLEEZZA RICE Problem: The secretary of state is actually the nefarious leader of a galactic reptilian order sent to rule the Earth. Fix: A transfusion of clean human blood. Or a new set of friends.



**PAULA ABDUL** Problem: Gushing Idol host has communication skills of Koko the Gorilla...before the beast learned sign language. Fix: Hooked on Phonics is a really, really, really great, uh, thing. Really.



TOM CRUISE Problem: Giddy couch-jumper losing cool faster than Maverick's F-14 Fix: Shoot down a MiG, hijack a cab, then build a time machine and go back to pork 20-years-ago Rebecca De Mornay.

## ASK ANYTHING

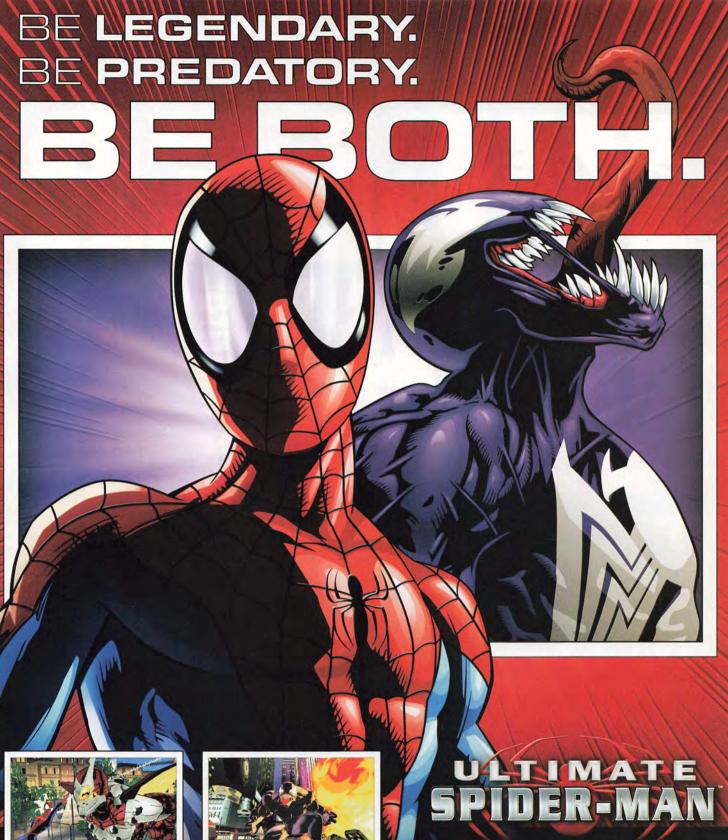
Why is it that women don't like each other?

The obvious answer is that they're self-obsessed crackpots. But that's just what our female staffers say. Experts have another explanation. While little boys get to vent ugly emotions with beatings and playground blood sports, girls have fewer outlets

for conflict resolution. "Getting angry is considered unladylike, so we undermine each other with verbal jabs," says Elissa Schappell, coeditor of The Friend Who Got Away. "If women were told it's OK to sock each other, you might see fewer mean girls." And more mud wrestling, which is, of course, nature's most effective way of resolving female disputes.



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# The Collector has inspired at least five serial killers and 40 murders. If you're too scared to read it, you can at least read about it.

olie à deux. The French term means "double insanity" and refers to circumstances in which two troubled people come together and spur each other on to misdeeds neither would've attempted alone. Leonard Lake and Charles Ng were such a duo. By the time Ng was convicted in 1999 of some of the most horrific murders in California history, his extradition from Canada and subsequent legal battle had become the longest, most expensive court case in United States history. That much of Lake and Ng's murderous rampage could be traced to a single book might seem implausible to an afternoon shopper browsing the shelves at the local Barnes & Noble. Yet, by their account, that is precisely how it started.

Born in Hong Kong in 1961, Ng emigrated to the U.S., where he joined the Marines and reached the rank of lance corporal before running into trouble with authorities for stealing weapons in Hawaii. He fled to California, where he was captured and did time at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1984 he returned to California and met up with a buddy from his time on the lam: Leonard Lake.

Lake was a San Francisco native. Born in 1945, he served in the Marines for seven years, including two tours in Vietnam, where his "psychotic reactions" were noted, then ignored. Upon his discharge on "medical grounds," he was treated for psychological problems at the Oakland Veteran's Administration Hospital, briefly attended college, and wound up running a booth at a Marin County Renaissance fair, where visitors could have their picture taken with a "unicorn" (actually a goat). Becoming increasingly delusional, he began stockpiling weapons and eventually moved with Ng to an isolated mountain cabin in small Wilseyville, 150 miles east of San Francisco.

Lake was already obsessed with the John Fowles novel *The Collector*, narrated by a deranged sociopath, when Ng became an accomplice to the macabre fantasy he'd constructed partly from its pages. Next to the cabin, the pair built a cement bunker with two hidden rooms. The outer room contained an array of weapons and a plaque on the wall that read OPERATION MIRANDA, a tribute to *The Collector's* imprisoned victim, Miranda Grey. The second room was barely three feet wide and seven and a half feet long. The ceiling was six feet high. Holes in the walls allowed air to penetrate, but no light. In this forbidding cell the men kept the slaves they subsequently captured, and then buried.

'She was mine, I felt suddenly very excited, I knew I'd done it. I put the gag on first, then I strapped her down, no hurry, no panic, like I'd planned.'

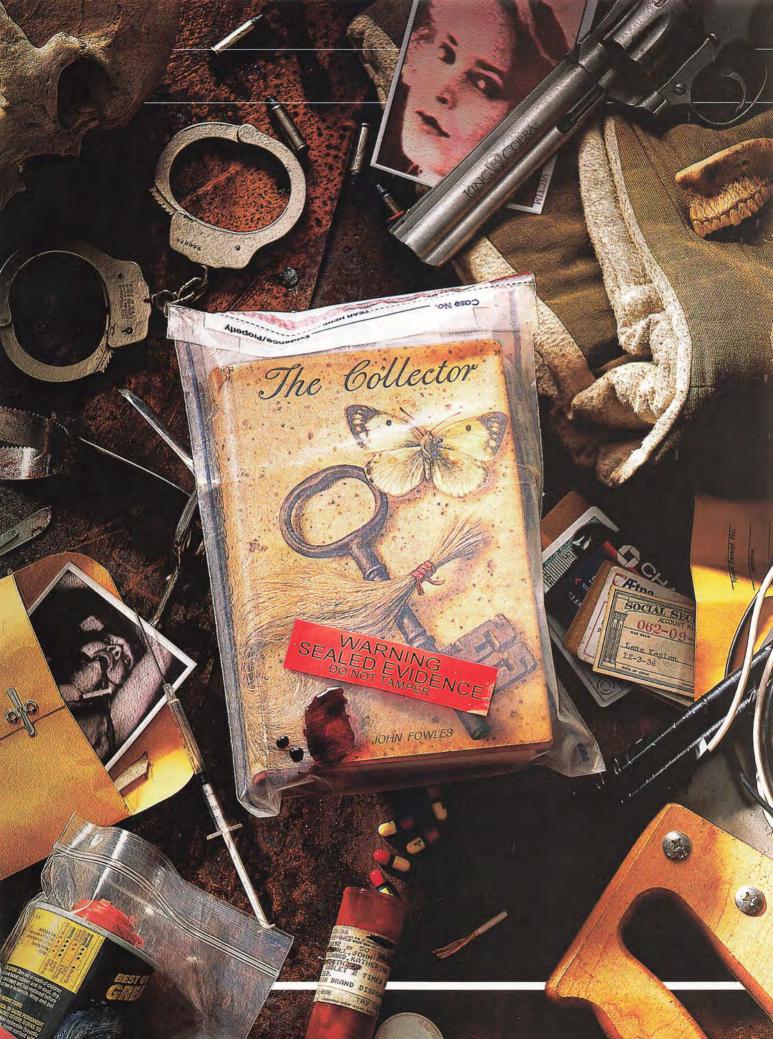
—The Collector Lake and Ng's crimes might have continued indefinitely; if not for Ng's fondness for shoplifting. On June 2, 1985, a hardware store clerk spotted him stealing a bench vise, which he placed in Lake's car. Lake tried to appease the employee, but the police were notified. Ng fled, but Lake stayed and was arrested. In custody he revealed his partner's name and then promptly swallowed cyanide tablets, sending him into a coma and killing him four days later. Baffled by Lake's reaction, the police journeyed to his mountain home. There they found the remains of seven men, three women, and two babies; an additional 45 pounds of bone fragments; and three videotapes.

"It was 11 P.M. or midnight when we started looking at the videotapes," recalls Inspector Irene Brunn from the San Francisco Missing Persons Unit. "This big, fat, pompous ass [Lake] is sitting back in a recliner delivering a soliloquy about his big plan to kidnap women and use them as slaves and, when he gets tired of them, to discard them."

One tape shows 19-year-old Brenda O'Connor, a young mother who lived next door, begging to know what the pair have done to her child. Lake responds by saying, "Your baby is sound asleep." (Ng later said Lake broke the child's neck by "putting the baby's head between his thighs and twisting the upper body.") After being threatened with a whip and a stungun, O'Connor cracks under their abuse and agrees to do whatever the men want. Soon come the sounds of her showering with both men. Lake and Ng would eventually kill her—her remains were never recovered, so no one knows how—just as they'd killed her child and husband.

After a 34-day manhunt, Ng was picked up shoplifting in Calgary, Alberta on July 6. Police estimated that, along with Lake, Ng killed 25 people—Brunn suspects it was far more. When his drawn-out court case came to an end in May 1999, Ng was convicted of murdering 11 people (including two babies) and sentenced to death. He remains on death row.

Among the evidence damning Ng were Lake's diaries, documenting the pair's crimes and their inspiration: "Ah, The Collector. Has it really been near 20 years I've carried this fantasy? And Miranda...how fitting...my lovely little prisoner of the future. I suppose in my way I am the same wimp as 'the hero,' and in my way just as crazy. I have no doubt that we wimps have been compensating for our inabilities since the dawn of history. Sad, really. Still, how can we die if we never live?"



he Collector was published in 1963, when John Fowles was 37. The British author's debut novel, which quickly became a bestseller and then an Oscar-nominated film, tells the tale of entomologist Frederick Clegg, a lonely man who becomes smitten with a gorgeous art student named Miranda Grev. Clegg feels unworthy of Miranda and hence incapable of winning her heart. Then inspiration strikes: He can simply collect her like one of his butterflies. Hidden away in his basement and completely under his power, she'll then have no choice but to fall in love with him.

According to veteran criminal profiler Pat Brown, certain books and movies repeatedly capture the attention of psychopathic minds. Other than the Bible, Fowles' novel may be the most influential."The Collector is one that has really fascinated a number of serial killers and other psychopaths," says Brown, adding that the book makes regular appearances on Web sites she refers to as rape sites, serial killer wannabe sites, and snuff fascination sites.

The story has been embraced by maniacs abroad as well as in the United States. It was reportedly a much-loved film of necrophile Dennis Nilsen (known as the "British Jeffrey Dahmer"), who killed 15 young men in an attempt to ensure they would never leave him. Trying to explain The Collector's enduring popularity, Brown concludes,"I have to say, Fowles wrote a very accurate book as to how the thinking of a serial killer works."

Protesting that "novelists have to live in some kind of exile," Fowles is a deeply private man who grants no interviews. He did, however, feel sufficiently comfortable with biographer Eileen Warburton to give her access to 60 years' worth of his unedited private diaries. In 2004 she published John Fowles: A Life in Two Worlds. Quoted diary entries reveal influences on The Collector both artistic (the opera Bluebeard's Castle) and real-life, including an incident from the 1950s when "a young man kidnapped a girl and kept her for several weeks in an air-raid shelter at the bottom of his garden." Most of all, though, the book seems to have been shaped by Fowles' own dark desires."From puberty until recently, I frequently had conscious fantasies, or nocturnal daydreams, about imprisoning women underground," he wrote in his diary. These fantasies sometimes involved film stars and princesses, as well as threats of whippings (though no actual violence).







'I put her on the hed. It was done.' —The Collector



Fowles has distanced himself from Clegg, categorizing The Collector as "an exterior book, with nothing of us in it, except in a few superficial details." Even a casual reader can tell most of his sympathies lie with the intelligent Miranda, not the simpleton Clegg, whom he said symbolized "the mediocrity of our present society; the girl he kidnaps stands for its hope and its vitality, pointlessly and maliciously crushed." Yet this makes it no less troubling to read that his own imprisonment fantasies continued despite his "very happy marriage," and the daydreams inevitably involved "a forcing of my personality as well as my penis on the girl concerned."

## ART ATTACKS

Ten more ways culture can not only bore, but actually kill.

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY After reading Irving Stone's account of a dissection by the artist Michelangelo, Herbert Mullin took Mary Guilfoyle and sliced her open.

THE BIBLE The Good Book has encouraged maniacs from the preacher Benjamin Franklin Miller (he strangled hookers) to John Wayne Gacy, who recited the 23rd Psalm to his victims.

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE In addition to being a favorite of John Lennon's killer, Mark David Chapman, J.D. Salinger's classic is read by the madman in The Collector. (He doesn't like it.)

"EXIT" Robert John Bardo claimed that U2's eerie Joshua Tree track ("The pistol weighed heavy") inspired him to gun down My Sister Sam star Rebecca Schaeffer.

"POLLY" After two men raped a girl while singing Nirvana's "Polly," Kurt Cobain noted it was difficult "carrying on knowing there are plankton like that in our audience."

## "BETTER BY YOU, **BETTER THAN ME"**

Violence doesn't always have to be inflicted on others. Two Reno, Nevada teens attempted suicide after listening to this Judas Priest tune. **BLACK DAHLIA** 

**PAINTINGS** Not just a musician, Marilyn Manson's portraits of a 1940s murder victim allegedly inspired a Scottish 14 year-old to butcher his girlfriend.

## A CLOCKWORK **ORANGE** After the

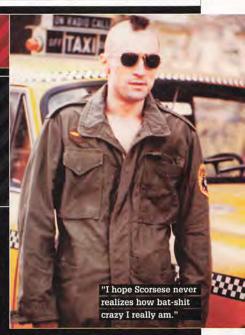
ultraviolent film was blamed for a wave of copycat crimes, director Stanley Kubrick decided to pull it from distribution in England in 1974.

## "HELTER SKELTER"

**Charles Manson** thought the Beatles' song warned of an apocalyptic race war (and the Beatles were angels). The Tate murders were his attempt to start Armageddon.

## TAXI DRIVER

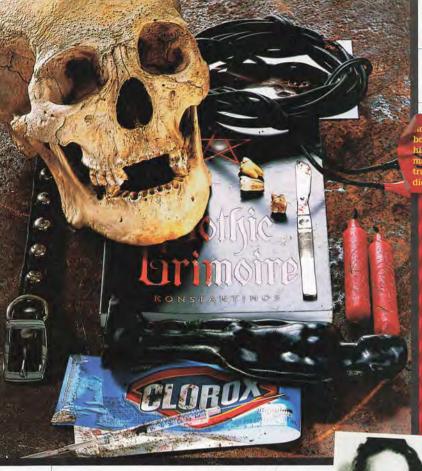
Martin Scorsese's movie spurred John Hinckley's attempt to kill President Reagan, which severely injured Jim Brady... yet failed to impress Jodie Foster.



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nlike Fowles, many of his fans have been unable to control their basest urges. Robert Berdella was a troubled soul who ran a Kansas City, Missouri store called Bob's Bizarre Bazaar, which sold plaster-of-Paris skulls amid head shop bric-a-brac. His business card read:"I rise from death. I kill death, and death kills me-although I carry poison in my head. The antidote can be found in my tail, which I bite with rage." And yet no one viewed Berdella as a threat. He even served on his neighborhood's Crime Watch.

Berdella came to police attention in 1988, thanks to a naked man wearing only a dog collar and leash named Chris Bryson. Bryson claimed he'd been held captive in Berdella's home for four days after being invited to "party" by a man in a brown Toyota. The two had a number of beers as they drove back to the man's home. Berdella invited him inside, then suggested they go upstairs to avoid his dogs. Bryson went up first, but he never made it to the top of the stairs. He was struck in the back of the head, and when he struggled to defend himself Berdella rammed a needle into his neck. Bryson lost consciousness.

He awoke nude, spread-eagled, and bound to a bed. Berdella informed his prisoner he could cooperate with him or "end up in the trash" like the others. He then turned Bryson into one of his "play toys." He blinded Bryson with chemicals, raped him, beat him with an iron bar, injected his throat with drain cleaner, administered electric shocks to his testicles, and dosed him with animal tranquilizers. Like Clegg with Miranda, Berdella's need to control Bryson was total, with the abuse continuing even when Bryson lost consciousness. He would awake to the sound of a Polaroid camera, as Berdella posed him for degrading pictures. Bryson escaped when Berdella went out to run errands and carelessly left a pack of matches within reach. Bryson managed to light a match and burn the ropes off of one hand, until himself, and leap out of a second-story window.

While not ruling out the possibility that the whole thing was a lover's quarrel (much as cops had infamously done in Milwaukee when they returned one of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims to him), the police nevertheless arrested Berdella and searched his home.

"We found a lot of skulls in the house," says Troy Cole, a supervisor in the Kansas City homicide unit who headed the investigation. While some were merely archaeological artifacts, at least one looked fresh. Other items, such as a bag of human vertebrae, were merely mystifying. The next morning police dug up Berdella's yard and discovered a human skull with skin and hair still attached. The investigation also turned up more than 300 photographs of Bryson and about 20 other young men in various states of terror and suffering. One of them looked dead. Finally, there was a detailed log of Berdella's activities, with a record of each response the victims had to the tortures. Sometimes either "86" or "DD" appeared next to an entry, after which there would be no further comment on the person.

When prosecutors filed charges seeking the death penalty, Berdella agreed to make a full confession in return for avoiding execution. Over three days he confessed to six murders. "He enjoyed talking about killing these people and torturing them, so if there had been 15 or 20 victims, I think he would have gladly told us about all of them," says Cole. Berdella

relished discussing a particularly pliant play toy he kept alive for six weeks before the man finally resisted, at which point he killed him and put his head in the freezer.

Berdella went on to explain his motivations."One of the questions the prosecutor asked him was, 'Is there anything in your life that precipitated this?" Cole recalls. "He made the comment, 'I saw the movie The Collector." While admitting he already had been experiencing dark impulses, he credited the story of Frederick Clegg and Miranda Grey with providing a structure for those yearnings.

"Most of us go through our plans for anything over and over before we do it," says criminal profiler Brown. "Take a job interview.

We may run that through our head dozens of times before hitting the door. So it is with a first-time killer. Later he may hardly think about any plan at all because he is so familiar with the crime. But the early years of killing take a lot more thinking. This is why The Collector rates so high. It helps budding serial killers live out their fantasy through the protagonist, validate their crime, and get ideas for their own real version."

Until the end Berdella insisted he was misunderstood."He kept saying, 'I'm not the monster people want to make me out to be,'" Cole remembers. He even attempted to demonstrate his basic decency by setting up a \$50,000 trust fund for the families of his victims (who, understandably, were outraged and sued him). "It was by far the most bizarre investigation I'd ever been involved in," Cole says. "How in the world can you take a hypodermic needle and inject people in their eyeballs? I guess I'll always be shocked by that."

Berdella would serve only four years of his life sentence before he died of a heart attack in 1992 at age 43, bringing another new chapter of The Collector to a close.

**Was** had done something verv daring. —The Collector

## ASK ANYTHING

**How many** serial killers are currently Based on their

active in the U.S.? definition of a serial killer ("three or more separate events in three or more separate locations with

an emotional coolingoff period between homicides"), the FBI believes there are 30 to 50 in the United States at any given time. Experts estimate they average about 70 victims a year in total. Scary

numbers, until you remember there are nearly 300 million Americans, meaning it's far more likely you'll crack your head in the shower than have it removed and made into a planter by a psychopath.



"BTK" killer, was arrested this year.



ver the course of his lengthy career, Florida police captain and investigative consultant Nelson Andreu has investigated six serial killers, including Gianni Versace's murderer, Andrew Cunanan. Yet there are things about Christopher Wilder that still stand out in his mind. Wilder was a wealthy developer who lived in a ritzy seaside home with a pool in Boynton Beach, Florida. He owned a speedboat and raced cars as a hobby. His choice of victims reflected his glamorous lifestyle.

"These girls were all aspiring models, and he often [posed as a professional photographer and] promised them fame and glory," Andreu says. "They went with him. He didn't look like the monster everybody has a picture of." But he had a fondness for torture. One technique involved using superglue to seal a woman's eyes shut before administering electrical shocks for hours.

As a member of the Miami Police Department's homicide unit, Andreu was assigned to the Wilder case in 1984, after 20-year-old Rosario Gonzales vanished from her job at the Miami Grand Prix. When Wilder's ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Kenyon also disappeared, Wilder became the leading suspect in both cases.

The more investigators looked into the businessman's background, the more nervous they became. Wilder had been in trouble on and off since participating in a gang rape in his native Australia when he was 17 (he was sentenced to shock therapy, from which he developed a fixation on shocking women while he had sex with them). By the time of Gonzales' disappearance, the 39-year-old Wilder had managed to avoid jail time despite being accused of rape (he plea-bargained his way out) and of forcing a teenager to perform oral sex on him. Though he had acknowl-

edged a *Collector*-like desire to take women prisoner, at least one therapist believed progress was made during their months together. That conclusion was undermined by a visit home to Australia, where two 15-year-old girls accused Wilder of forcing them to pose nude for him before tying them up

and masturbating over them.

Hoping to garner more information from the public, the police released selected details of the Gonzales/Kenyon case to the press. It was a disastrous decision. On March 16, 1984, Wilder read in *The Miami Herald* that a "wealthy contractor" and "racecar driver" was believed to be involved with the missing women. Over the next few days, he checked his dogs into a kennel, informed his business partner he was "not going to jail," then hit the road just three days after assuring his therapist

he knew nothing about Gonzales.

What followed was a 26-day cross-country massacre, during which Wilder abducted at least nine women and killed six of them. He struck in Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, California, Indiana, and New York. He was dubbed the Beauty Queen Killer for his fondness for pursuing young, beautiful women (Kenyon, his ex-girlfriend, was a former Miss Florida finalist) and quickly made the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. "Serial killers tend to feel psychologically more comfortable in a familiar neighborhood area," Andreu notes. "Wilder broke the mold."

One victim was 16-year-old Tina Marie, whom he picked up north of Torrance, California. Wilder didn't kill Marie, likely because he believed her sufficiently enslaved to help him capture other women (which she did on two occasions while she was his hostage). He eventually released Marie at Logan Airport in Boston, giving her money to fly back to Los Angeles.

Wilder's rampage finally ended at a New Hampshire gas station, when a pair of state troopers spotted him and a scuffle broke out. Two shots were fired, and Wilder was killed instantly.

Andreu suspects more of Wilder's victims remain undiscovered."Those eight killings are in a relatively short timespan," he says. "You don't go from being a model citizen to a serial killer." Among Andreu's nagging professional regrets is that Wilder died before explaining himself. "He was never able to be questioned. You gain a lot of insight from interviewing them and seeing what goes through their minds."

Though little of his motivation can be confirmed, Wilder did leave behind a number of clues. At the time of his death, he had in his possession a .357 revolver, ammunition, handcuffs, duct tape, rope, specially designed electrical cord for shocking women, and a copy of *The Collector*.



n the investigative community, opinions concerning *The Collector's* influence are still mixed. Pat Brown has few doubts about its significance. Nelson Andreu concurs, noting, "It may strengthen some of their crazy thought processes." But Troy Cole disagrees, believing Robert Berdella cited the film as an attempt to excuse his own behavior." I thought it was bullshit, personally," says Cole. Irene Brunn falls somewhere in the middle, believing that *The Collector* "might have given Leonard Lake a few more fantasies to incorporate into his master scheme" but that ultimately what really matters is that Lake was "a sick pervert. He killed his own

brother. He killed his best man. He was just a horrible piece of dirt."

While Brunn's final point is indisputable, a serial killer needs something to help him overcome his last shreds of morality and commit that initial crime. *The Collector* seems to have been a crucial motivation for these men, leading to a still uncertain number of victims whose fates sadly mirror Miranda Grey's final diary entry:

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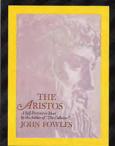
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## **FURTHER FOWLES**

His other works had much smaller body counts



THE ARISTOS: A SELF-PORTRAIT IN IDEAS (1964) Fowles' followup to *The Collector* is a philosophical tract that, as one fan noted, joins "pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus with these modern ideas to form a unique and thought-provoking world view." Weirdly, didn't connect with the general public.

Killing sprees inspired: 0



THE MAGUS (1965) Young Englishman Nicholas Urfe takes a teaching gig on a Greek isle only to have his friendship with a wealthy landowner trigger ambiguous erotic tension that forces him to question his own sanity. As a bonus, it's utterly crawling with twin-sister sex and hallucinogens.

Killing sprees inspired: 0



THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN (1969) Fowles' tale of a Victorian gentleman who becomes smitten with a woman spurned by her French lover. Will they get together? Will their relationship endure? Will it become a chick flick starring Meryl Streep? To the last query, we can answer, "Yup."

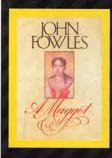
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## **DANIEL MARTIN (1977)**

An aging British writer residing in California (where he churns out screenplays and has a super-hot girlfriend) discovers he must return to England to see a dying friend whose wife he had a fling with while attending Oxford. Journeys into the past and 640 pages ensue.

Killing sprees inspired: 0



## A MAGGOT (1985)

When an 18th-century deafmute is found hanged with a bouquet of violets crammed in his mouth, the lawyer Ayscough sets out to discover the truth. Happily, the truth includes a whore named Fanny who is billed at her brothel as the Quaker Maid.

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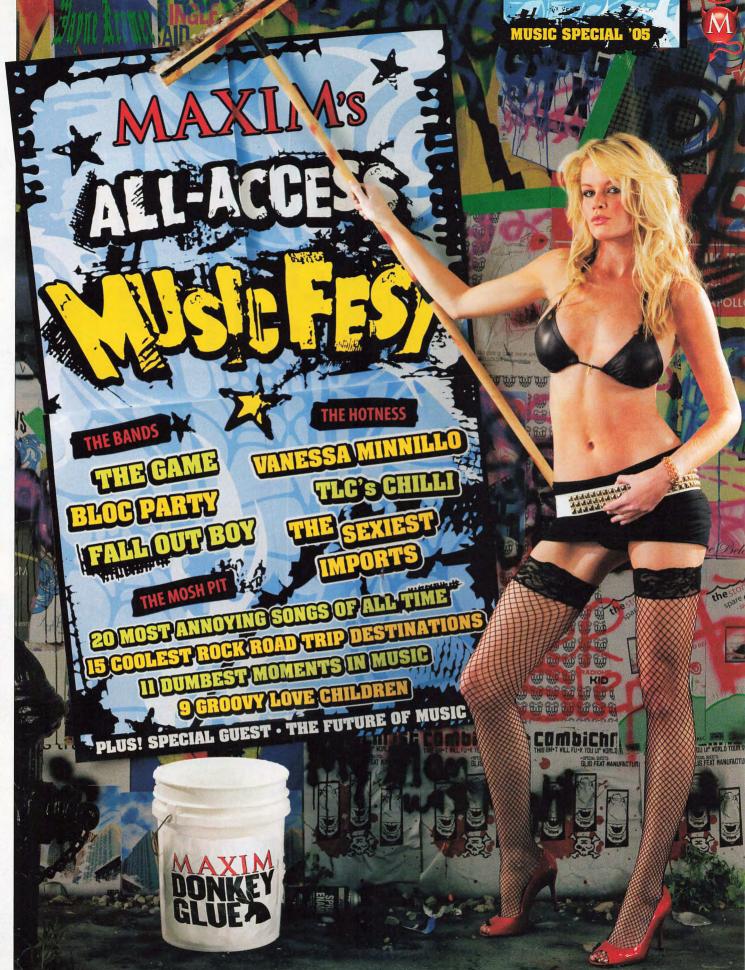
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# The "sexy" piece of CrazySexyCool TLC has come back from the death of band mate Lisa Lopes and the Usher breakup by starring in a UPN show and, um, not having sex. Yet.

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## WHERE IT'S AT

You know the tune and the words, but do you know the places?
Peep the locations name-checked in these classic songs.

1 "FRANCES FARMER WILL HAVE HER REVENGE ON SEATTLE" NIRVANA

## 9601 Steilacoom Blvd., Tacoma, WA

A film star in the '30s and '40s, Frances Farmer spent time at Western State mental hospital, where she was subjected to electroshock and repeatedly raped. Kurt paid tribute to her in this song, and named his daughter Frances. Yes, even by Cobain standards, that's creepy.

## 2 "FOLSOM PRISON BLUES" JOHNNY CASH

## 300 Prison Road, Represa, CA

The tale of a miserable inmate listening to a train rolling through the outside world ("I'm stuck in Folsom Prison, and time keeps draggin' on") has added significance because Cash also recorded an album at the penitentiary in 1968 and serenaded cons with tunes like "Cocaine Blues." Hey, the man knew his audience.

## 3 "THE DAY THE NIGGAZ TOOK OVER" DR. DRE

## Slauson Swap Meet, 1600–1680 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA

The fiercest track on *The Chronic* chronicles L.A.'s calm, measured response to the Rodney King verdict. Dre revels in the chaos of free swag ("Got a VCR... that I ganked from the Slauson Swap Meet"), but also worries about the day after ("Laugh now but cry much later").

## 4 "JOSIE" BLINK-182

## Sombrero Mexican Food, 11040 Rancho Carmel Drive, San Diego, CA

This pop-punk sing-along is a shout-out to the ideal girlfriend and the band's favorite hometown taco joint ("She brings me Mexican food from Sombrero just because"). And in case you still don't think Josie is the perfect woman, in the video she's portrayed by Alyssa Milano.

## 6 "LA GRANGE" ZZ TOP

## Near Highway 71, northeast outskirts of La Grange, TX

This Texas groove is about a real brothel ("They gotta lotta nice girls...") known as Edna's Ranch Boarding House or the Chicken Ranch. Not only was the Ranch a terrific place to unwind, it was also immortalized on film and stage in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.



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## 5 "TAKE IT EASY" THE EAGLES

## Corner of Kinsley Ave. & Second St., Winslow, AZ

After Glenn Frey sang, "I'm standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona," the town, thrilled to be noticed, pathetically built a park and named it "Standin' on the Corner." Now the world will forever know that Winslow's greatest claim to fame is a throwaway reference in an Eagles tune.

## 7 "OKIE FROM MUSKOGEE" MERLE HAGGARD 🚪 8 "HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN" THE ANIMALS

## St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA

OCEAN

Made famous by the Animals in the '60s, the actual house of ill repute that was "the ruin of many a poor boy" was reportedly located on St. Louis Street and named for its madame, Ms. LeSoleil Levant ("Rising Sun"). It may be gone, but fear not: There are still one or two prostitutes to be found in New Orleans.

## 9 "LOVE SHACK" THE B-52'S

## Jefferson River Road, Athens, GA

Singer Kate Pierson lived in this fiveroom "little old place where we can get together" (rent: \$15 a month), which the band used as their headquarters in the '70s. In 2004 the shack got torched, leaving behind little more than the "Tin roof—rusted!" inexplicably shouted out in the song.

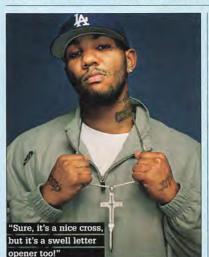
## Muskogee, OK

It doesn't get more Middle America than Muskogee, which is likely why Haggard chose it for his hippie smack-down anthem. ("We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee..."). But the red-eyed cowboy meant the song as a spoof and even once said of pot: "Muskogee is the only place I don't smoke it."





This year rap's self-proclaimed MVP made millions of fans...and almost as many enemies.



FAST FACTS

In 2005: His debut,

The Documentary,

prompting a bitter

war of words with

50 Cent, a gun battle

between their two

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When's it coming out?

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## How's the tour going?

Amsterdam, balling out, working on my accent. The tour's going dope, and I'm getting richer by the day-I'm bigger than Elton John over here. Not bad for a nigga from Compton. You've been on the road a lot this year, haven't you?

I haven't had one single fucking day off in 2005. How about that? I've been so consumed by work that I haven't had time to really analyze what's been going on. As a drug dealer, you were shot and spent 24 hours in a coma. As a rapper, you've been in feuds with everyone from 50 Cent to Suge Knight. What's with all the drama? Biggie said it best-

man, I can't go wrong. I could fucking say the alphabet over Dre beats and go platinum! Do you feel like you're safer now than when you were a gang member in the 'hood? I was definitely safer as a gangbanger. Now everybody knows who I am, so you can't really

real low. I don't make any new friendseverybody comes with fake handshakes and fake smiles. I keep my distance, stay real familyoriented, and leave it in the hands of God. You still in the gang?

see the snakes unless you keep your grass cut

If I said I wanted out of the game, I would make quite a few people mad. As they say, "Blood in, Blood out," so I definitely will be affiliated for the rest of my life. I'm obligated to do so. I'm not saying that means I'm going back to the 'hood selling crack. I have a family of my own and a son who I have to take care of. But I also have an obligation

What's the craziest thing that's happened to you because of your success?

to take care of people

in my 'hood.

The craziest thing about this shit is I've only been rapping for three and a half years, and I'm probably the secondbest rapper in the world to 50 Cent, who's my favorite enemy. Is that what you're

calling him now? We're both very competitive. I think that he got a little jealous of me at one point, and that's when the whole G-Unit fallout thing occurred. He's focused on his career, and I'm focused on mine. I don't look forward to any more

drama between the two

know what-I think I'm

flat-out better than him.

camps. Actually, you

I'm over here in

"Mo' money, mo' problems." Success breeds envy. I feel ashamed to have participated in the drama surrounding my career-it's bad when there are shootouts in front of radio stations

# 15 "AMERICAN PIE" DON MCLEAN

Albert Juhl's cornfield, Clear Lake, IA On February 3, 1959, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper climbed into a plane that crashed in a blizzard a few miles after takeoff. In 1971 McLean scored a hit with his tribute to this "day the music died." Unfortunately, 29 years after he penned this song, Madonna covered it, killing the music a second time.

## 14 "BRAIN DAMAGE" EMINEM

## 16225 Dort Street, Roseville, MI

"I was harassed daily by this fat kid named DeAngelo Bailey," declared Eminem about the bully who tormented him at Dort Elementary School. Bailey (who grew up to be a sanitation worker) recently tried to give Slim (who did slightly better) a legal wedgie, but the case never made it to court.

## 12 "BORN TO RUN" BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

NO VACANCY

11

## Asbury Park, NJ

The Boss loves him a quality amusement park, and Asbury Park boasted a legendary one, which he immortalized on what has become New Jersey's unofficial anthem. The song was nearly honored by state legislators until lyrics like "It's a death trap/It's a suicide rap" were judged too grim-even by Jersey standards.

## 10 "HEARTBREAK HOTEL" ELVIS PRESLEY

## Jacksonville, FL

When Elvis was visiting Jacksonville in the early '50s, Mae Axton promised she'd give him his first million-seller. Thanks to an article about a suicide at a hotel, she and Tommy Durden delivered. They wrote the King's first chart-topper in 22 minutes. The finest rhinestone jumpsuits the world could offer quickly followed.

## 13 "53RD & 3RD" THE RAMONES

## 53rd & 3rd, New York, NY

None of the Ramones were exactly upstanding citizens, but bassist Dee Dee was the black sheep. He enjoyed all things narcotic and did anything necessary to get drugs, including working as a male prostitute. This track celebrates what was once his favorite Manhattan corner for hustling.

## 11 "A LIFE IN THE DAY OF BENJAMIN ANDRE (INCOMPLETE)" OUTKAST

**Corner of Lakewood Terrace and** Conrad Avenue, Atlanta, GA This Andre 3000 joint from The Love Below offers a history of OutKast that looks back at the Dungeon, the unfinished basement studio where they recorded. Also, he works in some lines about a stripper he used to nail. M



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DJs. But Sassy's music skills aren't her only assets. She's also the face of Mates condoms in her native England. And don't worry: Those blue-blood limeys don't get to keep this 25-year-old stunner all to themselves. She's expected to make a stateside

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## 20 No Doubt

Never have the goings-on between a rock band and its groupies been so boring, largely because Gwen is less interested in hoochies than her tea (it's chamomile, if you were wondering). Low point: "Hey baby, hey baby, hey!" (Repeat 6,000

times.)



## "WE LIKE TO 19 "WE LIKE Vengaboys

It would have been forgotten if not for a Six Flags commercial featuring a freaky dancing man that was more nauseating than any ad not for herpes medication. Low point: "The wheels of steel are turning/And traffic lights are burning/ So if you like to party/Get on and move your body."



## "THE GIRL Michael Jackson,

Paul McCartney Spoken word bits are tricky, as Jacko's duet with the cute Beatle proves. Let's just say that when MJ comes across as the masculine one, something's gone very, very wrong. Low point: "Paul, I think I told you, I'm a lover not a fighter."



## 17"I'M GONNA BE (500 MILES)" The

**Proclaimers** Scotland has given us many fine things (like golf, scotch, and Groundskeeper Willie), but that doesn't excuse these twins for combining impenetrable dialect with nasal whine. Worse than haggis. Low point: "DA DA DA DA DA!/DA DA DA DA DA!/Lika lika lika lika la, la, la.'

16 "THIS KISS" Faith Hill It's a little bit country, a little bit rock'n'roll, and a whole lot of shit. A catchily mediocre love song achieves a special kind of awful when Tim McGraw's hot wife tries to drop science. Stay away from the physics, Faith (at least until the Stephen Hawking mash-up). Low point: "It's centrifugal motion/It's perpetual bliss/It's that pivotal moment/It's (ah) impossible/This kiss, this kiss-unstoppable."





## "WHO LET 15 THE DOGS **OUT"** Baha Men

The most famous group from the Bahamas gave us a song where the chant of "woof woof woof woof" is the least irritating part. Meanwhile, Jamaica produced Bob Marley and Peter Tosh. Low point: "Get back, Ruffy/Bye, Scruffy/Get back, you flea-infested mongrel."





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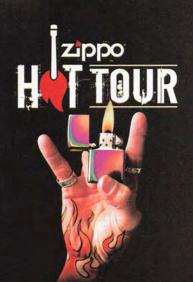
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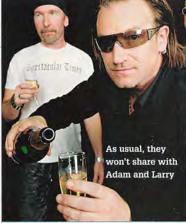
## 4 SMALL WORLD"

This proves that, no matter where people come from, they have something in common: We all despise this song. Thanks, Disney. Low point: "It's a small world, after all/It's a small world, after all/It's a small world, after all/It's a small, small world."



## 13"SECRE SECRET (JERRY MAGUIRE VERSION)

**Bruce Springsteen** If there's a tune that can't be ruined by **Cuba Gooding** Jr., we've yet to hear it. Low point: Cuba: "You've got to be fair to her! She loves you. If you don't love her, you



12 "VERTIGO" U2
"Hello, hello (*Hola!*)" When you can make The Joshua Tree, you're held to a higher standard. The only thing more baffling than the discovery that Bono speaks Spanish-kind ofwas the realization that U2 absolutely adores this tune, using it to open and close shows. Be careful, boyos, lest ye go the way of R.E.M. Low point: "Unos, dos, tres—catorce!"



## Limp Bizkit Fred Durst, quadru-

ple threat: He can't sing, rap, write lyrics, or even get a gym membership so he wouldn't be such a load. A fantastic opening riff goes tragically to waste. Low point: "Stick it up your ? yeah!/Stick it up your yeah!/Stick

it up your yeah!"

The song is dodgy, but her formalwear



10 MC Hammer

You can't smear feces

on the Mona Lisa

and call it art. Yet

Hammer desecrates

the brilliant "When

Doves Cry." Angered,

the Lord smites him

Low point: "I tried

and tried and tried

and tried to make a

way/But nothing

happened till the

day that I prayed."

with bankruptcy.

## 9"TRAPPED IN

(CHAPTERS 1-5)' R. Kelly This epic shows the dark side of adultery. For if an accused pedophile does not uphold moral standards, who will? Low point: "'Oh, my goodness!/I'm about to climax'/ And I said, 'Cool/ Climax/Just let go of my leg!"



## "TOM'S 8 "TUM"

Suzanne Vega Rhyming is hard! At least it is for Suzanne. Happily, she doesn't let this stop her from capturing the thrills of sitting in a diner. Low point: "I am waiting/At the counter/For the man/To pour the coffee."



have got to tell her!"

## WIDE OPEN" WITH ARMS Creed

Did you know when a man puts his penis in a woman's vagina, they can make a baby? So does everyone else, but Scott Stapp drones on as if he were the first man ever to knock somebody up. Low point: "We stand in awe/We've created life."



## "ELECTRIC 6 "ELEUIN

**Marcia Griffiths** We'll let Ms. Griffiths speak for herself: "It's electric!/Boogie woogie woogie/ Diggita Mrs. Kelly with the bubbling electric belly/She's moving along with the electric/ She sure got the boogie!" She sure does.

## 5"WANNABE" Spice Girls

A second, far crappier British invasion happened in the '90s, as the Spice Girls paid us back in spades for every joke we ever told about English dentistry. Low point:" wanna, I wanna, I wanna, I wanna, I wanna really really really wanna



## zigazig ah!"



McCartney Could he really once have been a Beatle? Say what you will about Ringo, but at least Mr. Starr never ruined Jesus' birthday. Low point:

WONDERFUL 4 CHRISTMAS

TIME" Paul

"The choir of children sing their song/Ding, dong, ding, dong."



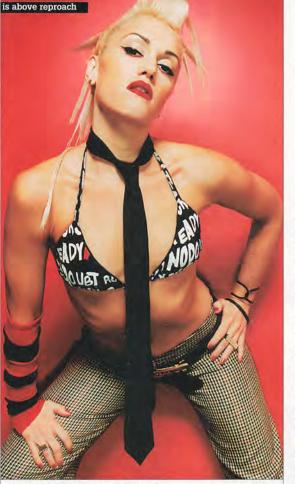
## "MY HEART WILL GO ON" Celine Dion

The *Titanic* sinking cost some 1,500 people their lives. Celine hasn't killed that many yet, but give her time. The second most tragic event to result from that fabled ocean liner continues to torment humanity years later, as Canada's cruelest shows off a voice as loud as a sonic boom, though not nearly so pretty. Low point: "Love was when I loved you/ One true time I hold to."



## **BODY IS A** WONDERLAND"

John Mayer Rock's biggest tool offers a mix of cheese ("You want love?/We'll make it") and outright stalking ("I know you're mine/All mine/All mine"). Low point: "One thing I've left to do/Discover me/ Discovering you."



## 'HOLLABACK GIRL' Gwen Stefani

The millennium is young, yet the next 1,000 years can't possibly bring a more nerve-shredding tune. What begins as a pathetic school fight song ("So I'm ready to attack/Gonna lead the pack/Gonna get a touchdown/Gonna take you out!") achieves a shrillness for the ages when Gwen shows off her ability to spell. Mrs. Rossdale, your song S-U-C-K-S. Low point: "This shit is bananas...B-A-N-A-N-A-S."

Photographer's assistants, Kristopher Growcott and Barry Woods; styling and set dressing, Xray; modeling, Brenda Buys and Rick Jotle at Artem; makeup, Bill Turpin and Sunita Parma; studio, Artem Digital; model, Jack Kirby

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after hours





Hello, Cleveland! Tap's own David St. Hubbins (a.k.a. Michael McKean) helps us recount events so ludicrous they could've been in the movie.

ORERST MESSES WITH TEXAS



Most artists thank concertgoers for showing up. Oberst, a.k.a. Bright Eyes (a.k.a. douchebag) didn't get the memo. Onstage in George W.'s backyard, he told fans:"I hate your fucking state. I'd put a fucking gun to my head before I'd live in your state!" Taking money from its citizens? Not a problem.

McKean says: "Spinal Tap's as much about sucking up to the audience as anything else. Conor's got more balls than Tap ever did."



**FORMER** YARDBIRDS **GET LOST** 



Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck delayed their own Apollo gig when they got disoriented beneath the stage. One emerged with his career intact. McKean says: "Everyone's got a Tap story because the film's a catalog of very common

me he and Clapton just looked at each other and said,'Hello, Cleveland! We're Spinal Tap!"



FLOYD KIDS FIND A TRICK IN THE



The 23 cockney snots who mangled grammar on 1979's "Another Brick in the Wall" never got paid. Then, 25 years later, they sued for royalties. Guess they *did* need that education.

McKean says: "I'll tell you what Tap would do: They'd hold a benefit to raise money for these kids. They'd bring all the grownup kids back and rent some inexpensive hall in London. They'd have a concert, record it—then tell the

kids to fuck off and never knock on their door again.



Manager with a straightful world at the house where

JOHN **FOGERTY** STEALS FROM HIMSELF (1988)



Record mogul Saul Zaentz thought Fogerty's 1985 song "Old Man Down the Road' sounded like the 1970 CCR tune "Run Through the Jungle." So he sued the ex-CCR frontman—

for plagiarizing his own song. Crazy rednecks! McKean says: "That's very Tap-like. Usually, one of the subjects in a rock feud has a tendency to die, so they just kind of end. But not that one."

**U2'S LEMON GOES SOUR** 



When U2's PopMart tour hit Oslo, Norway, the band was supposed to emerge from a 35-foot lemon. But, like Tap's own Derek Smalls' alien pod, the fickle fruit refused to open. Why? We blame Africa. McKean says: "I love it when

things go wrong—like an amateur performance of Peter Pan. It's always a fucking nightmare...children flying upside down across the room, people hitting the wall and being knocked out, hanging there like lynching victims. It's a pretty great thing.







Black Album as the metalheads' breakthrough to the

nonsuicidal masses. The rest of us remember that, as Tap guitarist Nigel Tufnel would say, it could be"none more black."

McKean says: "In the film what we're being sold is:'We're yanking the whole fucking thing and releasing it as close to plain-wrapped as we can because we're tired of pouring money into this act.' But our manager's selling it to us as a cool idea. That wasn't Metallica's case. I don't think they were hemorrhaging cash."

JETHRO TULĽS KEYBOARDIST **BECOMES A** SHE-BOARDIST



Tull's David Palmer released a statement saying,"I want to be judged on my musical ability alone." Then a postop Palmer declared that she would henceforth be known as Dee. We expected as much, but we had our money on that fluty flute-player quy! McKean says: "I remember Walter Carlos, who did the music for A Clockwork Orange, had a gender change and became Wendy Carlos. And three years later, she did an interview complaining that there's no work for female composers. It's like, 'Hey, duh!"

## DAVID BOWIE **GETS POPPED**



At Oslo's Norwegian Wood music festival, a fan let fly a lollipop—and the stick end became lodged in Ziggy Stardust's left eyelid. Ground control to Major Tom: Yee-owch!

McKean says: "That's pretty good. That's a Nigel moment. If you threw an omelet at him, and it stuck, he'd probably just continue performing. He'd think that was the way it was supposed to be.

**BOB DYLAN** HOCKS **G-STRINGS** 



In 1965 the folk hero was asked what could entice him to sell out. Answer: "Ladies' undergarments." Joke? Almost 40 years later, Dylan finally cashed in—by appearing in a Victoria's Secret ad with smokin'-hot Adriana Lima. McKean says: "That shows a bit more

marketing savvy than Tap ever had. Then again, Dylan also said he used to shadowbox Ali. You've got to take

everything he says

with a grain of salt."



## MATTHEWS **BAND DROPS** A DEUCE



Some think DMB stinks, and some know it for a fact. The latter includes the folks enjoying an architecture tour on the Chicago River when the band's tour bus unloaded its septic tank, drenching their boat in hippie Hershey squirts. McKean says: "Oh, my God, that's fabulous.

That's a 10. It's that kind of cursed thing. Along with Tap's arrogance and incompetence, there's also this sense that they're being kicked around by the angels. That's what this DMB story is."

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Derek, Nigel, David, and whoever the band's drummer happens to be sign on for that great Ozzfest in the sky.

McKean says: "There's no 11 until we die. And it turns out God's a Lawrence Welk fan. That's when we all get the final joke played on us." 🛚



## NEW WAVE RAVE

He's a nice guy, but Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke makes girls cry.

## What were you doing before Bloc Party?

Studying literature at King's College London and working part-time at one of the most popular art-house movie theaters in London. I remember I watched Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon again and again and again...

## You used to rip tickets, and now people are buying yours. Any strange tour moments?

I was walking to the bus and there was a group of girls waiting there, so I started speaking to them. One started crying as she shook my hand, which made me realize that what we're doing does mean a lot to people. She wrote her name on my shoe because she wanted to give me something to remember her by. It's a bit of a head-fuck to have people cry in front of me, but I still wear those shoes.

Describe your sound. Obviously, I'd tell people to make up their own description after they buy the album, to see for themselves, but we're a cross between a lot of different ideas. I suppose we're in the medium of rock.

## FAST FACTS

Members: Matt Tong, Kele Okereke, Russell Lissack, Gordon Moakes In 2005: When Bloc Party's debut, Silent Alarm, was released, hipsters of the world rejoiced, sending the record into the top 10 in nine markets around the globe. Now their New Wavey sound is conquering the U.S.

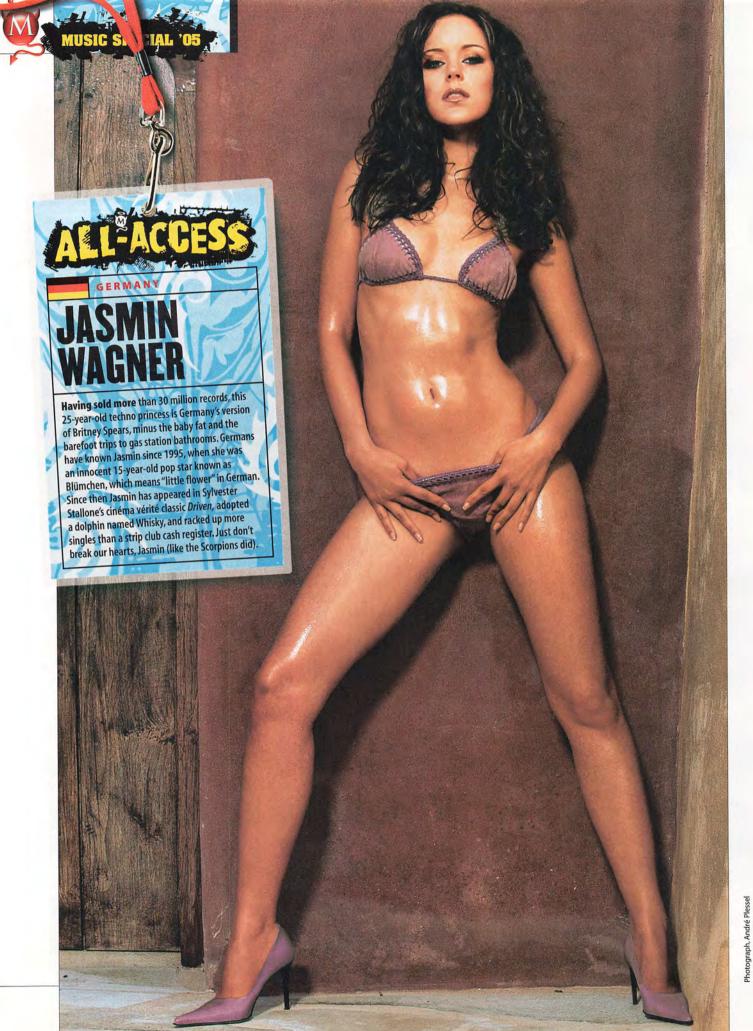
## How do you feel about being lumped in with the New Wave revival?

It doesn't bother methere are plenty of bands from the '80s I like. That was the last period in rock music where guitar bands were doing something interesting, and most guitar music references bands from that period, like the Pixies and Sonic Youth. Do you ever miss the life

## you left behind? Yeah, I do. It's funny, because a lot of that time was spent longing to be in

the position that I'm in now. Of course, I miss my friends. But I'll be able to look back and say I did what I really wanted to do.





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## **AVY LEE ROTH, 26**





Who's her daddy? David Lee Roth Who's her mommy? Spanish groupie

Where they met: On tour

Sob story: Diamond Dave has not acknowledged paternity to this Spanish-born vixen, who has spread 'em in more than 120 porn films. Avy insists her claim isn't a ploy to gain fame, but it hasn't exactly hurt.

Baby talk: "I don't need a gimmick. I can polish the pewter like nobody's business. I only care about what my fans have to say. When they say, "We want an interracial gangbang," I listen."

## JIMI HENDRIX JR., 36





Who's his daddy? Jimi Hendrix Who's his mommy? Eva Sundquist

Where they met: On a tram in Stockholm
Sob story: The only court-recognized child of
Hendrix, he legally changed his name from
James Sundquist and filed suit against other
Hendrix heirs for his share of the fortune. A judge
threw out the claim, and he's reportedly had
other personal problems, like taking estrogen
pills, wearing dresses, and calling himself Nicole.
Baby talk: "He gets very cross if I call him
James," says his mama.

## **CLIFF MORRISON, 36**





Who's his daddy? Jim Morrison Who's his mommy? Lennie Marston

Where they met: Unknown, December 1968 Sob story: He says his parents were together about two weeks, but Doors fans don't buy it. Cliff (born Cliff Marston) released an album, Know Peaking, in the '90s, but he seems to have fallen off the radar since then. Doors fan Web site message boards put him in Folsom State Prison on carjacking charges.

**Baby talk:** "We walk in the light of our fathers, and not in the shadow."

Introducing the tour bus spawn of some of music's greatest legends. BY ERIN SCHULTE PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD BRADBURY JOE ROCK 16.11.05



## **ELVIS PRESLEY JR., 43**





Who's his daddy? Elvis Presley Who's his mommy? Elvis movie extra Where they met: On the set of Blue Hawaii Sob story: Junior was known as Phillip Stanic until he had his name changed in federal court to reflect his alleged papa. Today he travels the world performing Elvis songs. Baby talk: "Most of my audiences are big Elvis fans; they want to see if I resemble him, sing like him, move like him. Frank Sinatra Jr. told me once that they're not here to see you-they're here to see your father." Duh.

## KARIS JAGGER. 34





Who's her daddy? Mick Jagger Who's her mommy? Marsha Hunt

Where they met: Unknown Sob story: In the late '70s, Karis' mother—the black American actress who starred in the 1960s hippie musical Hair—took leathery lothario Mick to court in a long-running paternity battle. She finally triumphed in 1979. Seems that sometimes you can get what you want. Baby talk: "No one wants you to be yourself. Everyone always wants you to be half your

Sure, rappers love Pete Wentz, but Fall Out Boy's bassist still answers to his mommy.

## What's it like to have a top-10 record, a video on MTV, and teenage girls screaming your name?

It's surreal-we didn't expect it. To see us on TRL and the top 10 is just bizarre because our usual fan base has always been kind of closer to [cult leader] Jim Jones than to the Backstreet Boys. Maybe that'll change now that our video follows Mariah Carey's. Still, I don't think we could be considered a boy band-we're far too nerdy and ugly for that. So Jay-Z is a big fan, huh? Yeah, it's insane—Jay-Z is calling me on the phone. It's like opposite day. We just went to Kanye West's listening party, and he's all, "Yo, I'm a big fan." For some reason all these dudes in hip-hop are into our band. It doesn't even make any sense. Why would those people be into our record?

It's because you keep it stone-cold gangsta, right? We definitely keep it gangsta. Actually, I've heard rappers like our live show because we're so energetic. And I've also heard they dig our lyrics since they're so mean and bitter. Our record is pretty much like 12 dis tracks. I'd rather hang out with most of the hip-hop guys than dudes in rock any day of the week. Those guys are a lot cooler.

Jay-Z is also head of your label. Is he a good boss? In meetings I've heard he's really interested in what the band is doing and asking questions, but he's not calling us every day and getting on our case, like, "You got time to lean, you got time to clean, fellas!" I'll be honest, though, I really wish it was like that.

Outside of your new street cred in the rap world, how else have things changed for you?

## FAST FACTS

Members: Pete Wentz, Joe Trohman, Patrick Stump, Andy Hurley In 2005: This rock'n'roll foursome's major label debut, From Under the Cork Tree, broke through at No. 9 on the Billboard charts, while their video for "Sugar, We're Goin' Down" blew up on MTV's TRL, which means shopping mall food courts are off-limits now.

Everything's been turned upside down, but at the same time, everything's still the same, if that makes any sense. My mom still calls me up to ask, "Was it hot today?" And I'm like,"Of course it was fucking hot! It's the Warped Tour! Mom, I have to get off the phone." I've been



having the same conversation with my mother since I was 14. When you're not getting phone calls from Mom, are you bedding groupies? I would like to say that it's 100 percent debauchery all the time, but most of the girls who are into our band are way too young. And in prison dudes like me are passed around for two packs of smokes.

## **DAMIAN MARLEY, 27**



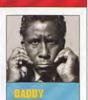


Who's his daddy? Bob Marley Who's his mommy? Cindy Breakspeare Where they met: 56 Hope Road, Jamaica Sob story: Still a tot when his dad died from cancer, Damian learned much of what he knows of the reggae giant from his mom, 1976 Miss World, Good genes: A year after his father was awarded a posthumous Grammy, Junior snagged Best Reggae Album of 2002 for Halfway Tree. Baby talk: "I was very young when he passed from the flesh, but in his music...you can learn a lesson from every song."

## COLETTE HOWARD, 52

mother and half your father."





Who's her daddy? Screamin' Jay Hawkins Who's her mommy? A vaudeville dancer who opened for Hawkins

Where they met: On tour

Sob story: Condom-phobic Hawkins had, by his own estimate, somewhere between 57 and 75 children, so he was hardly a hands-on parent, and none of his children attended his funeral. Hawkins' fame certainly didn't lend any glamour to the life of his daughter, who works as a safety inspector in Cincinnati.

Baby talk: "[Dad] did it all wrong."





Who's her daddy? Hank Williams Who's her mommy? Bobbie Jett, secretary

Where they met: Nashville

Sob story: Born less than a week after Hank's death at age 29, Jett was adopted by Hank's mother, who died a few years later. Adopted by an Alabama family as a toddler, she sued for (and won) a share of the Williams estate. Today she tours, singing his music. Hee-haw!

Baby talk: "Hank Williams' music knows no bounds...You can go sing for an audience that speaks little English, and they can all sing Hank."

## **IONE SKYE. 35**





Who's her daddy: Donovan Who's her mommy: Enid Karl, model Where they met: Los Angeles

Sob story: lone didn't meet her father until she was 18, since her parents' relationship was crumbling during the pregnancy. An actress living in L.A., lone will always be remembered as Lloyd Dobler's ideal, Diane Court, in Say Anything. Baby talk: "We have a nice relationship now;

he's a gypsy artist, and that's all he can do. I was conceived in a painted gypsy caravan on the Isle of Skye." M



# WHAT'S IN THE CARDS?

What's the next big thing in music? After tossing chicken bones and blood around the office, we can honestly say it ain't the Backstreet Boys.



Now that you're popping your collar, you'll never need that ratty flannel shirt, right? Wrong. Five months from now you'll be raiding your parents' garage for that box of clothes (and CDs) from 1994. The New New Wave backlash has already begun, and the '90s are the perfect antidote to today's preening popsters. Already 2005 has given us big albums from grunge alums like Audioslave and the Foo Fighters—and Pearl Jam's hitting early next year. Need more proof? Billy Corgan is trying to get the Smashing Pumpkins back together! Sure smells like teen spirit to us.

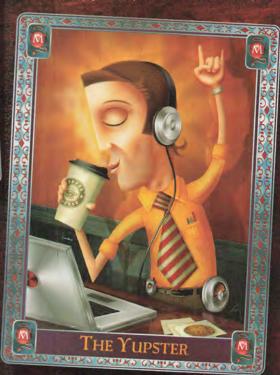




With online music sales projected to hit \$2 billion by 2009, marketers have hit the Web in a big way, buying banner ads, leaking MP3s to blogs, and amassing online fan armies to fly their colors proudly, especially on MySpace, where users create profiles to promote music. "The majority of new bands set up profiles on our site," says MySpace CEO Chris DeWolfe."As all the different managers and labels are getting the word about this, it's becoming a staple marketing mechanism for them."So how big is MySpace? News Corp. just bought its parent company for \$580 million.



Did you know Limp Bizkit released a record this year? You're not alone. Copies of Durst and Co.'s *The Unquestionable Truth (Part 1)* sold like bacon double cheeseburgers in India. The moral: Being a brand name doesn't guarantee sales anymore. As a result labels are taking the small-ball approach, opting for doubles and signing acts like Modest Mouse and Death Cab for Cutie, who have credibility, talent, and built-in fan bases. "It's obvious," says Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie (whose major-label debut is reviewed on page 82). "They want this to be our breakthrough."



## THE YUPSTER

Record labels used to spend their time spitting out sparkly new turds for mall rats, but executives are finally making a shocking discovery—that asshole hipster-yuppie (a.k.a. yupster) with the \$6 soy latte buys records, too. That's why Starbucks plucked the all-chick band Antigone Rising out of obscurity and put their new record near registers, where it sold 35,000 copies in a few weeks. But this trend is more than girl groups and adult contemporary collections. Outside of Starbucks, bands like the Shins and the Postal Service are seeing sales rise from people who can't accept the fact that they're not as young and cool as they used to be.



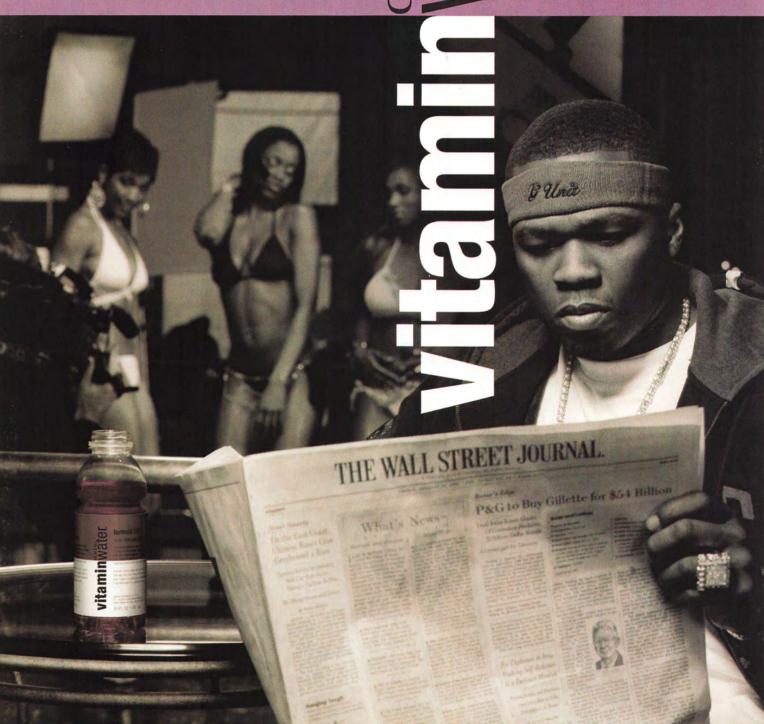




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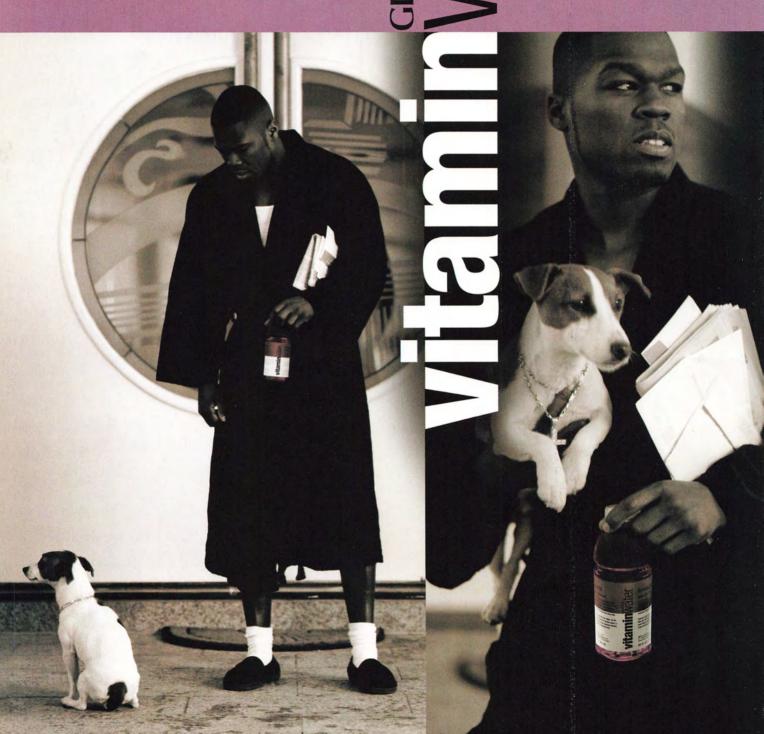
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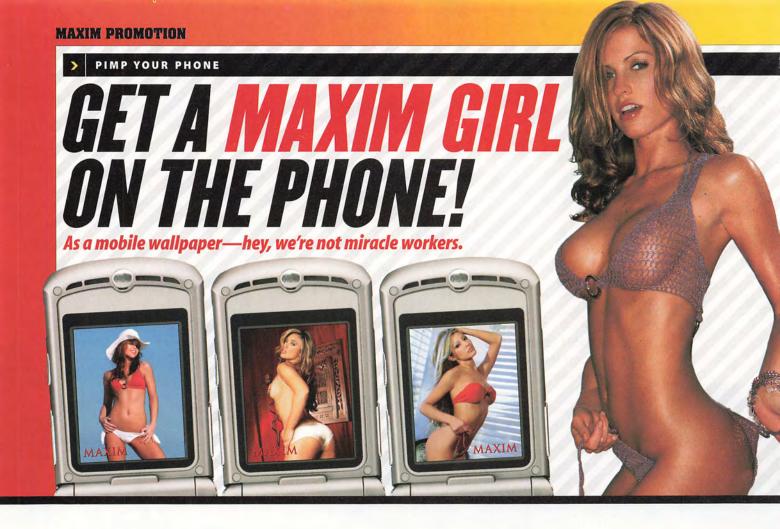
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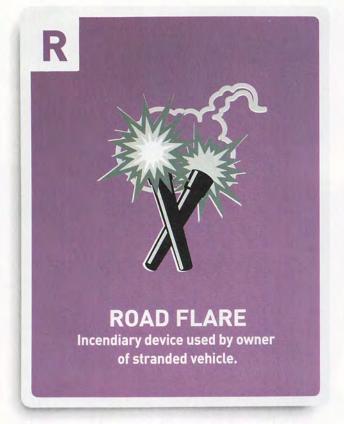
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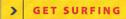












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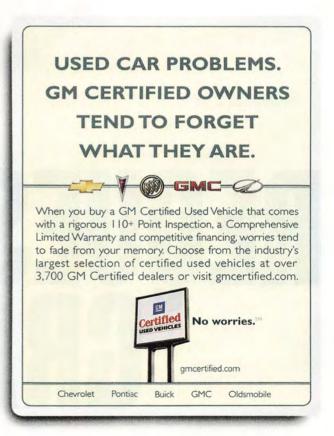
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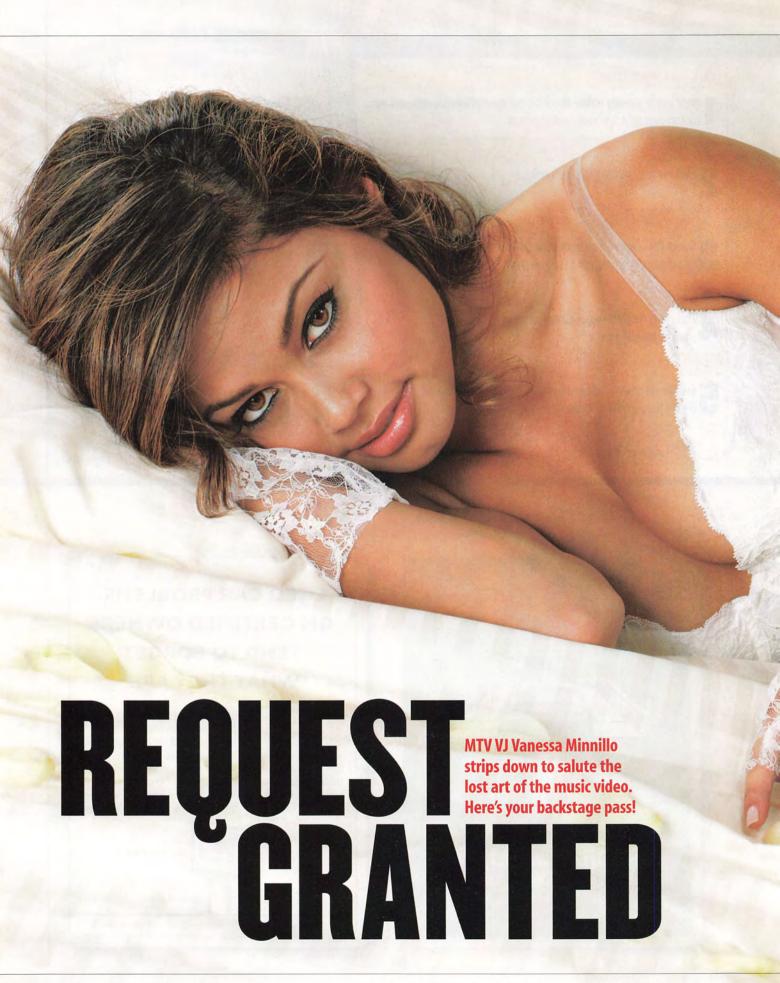
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was scared out of my pants," is how Vanessa Minnillo describes her initial reaction to doing a photo shoot inspired by the music video motifs of Madonna ("Like a Virgin"), Britney ("...Baby One More Time), and Beyoncé ("Crazy in Love"). Given the scarcity of leg-covering garments in the pics, it's pretty clear she ain't lying, but we're surprised to hear it from a girl who's on camera more often than Ron Popeil.

This hard-workin' hottie spends 60 minutes every weekday on MTV's Total Request Live, hanging out in Times Square, chatting up actors and musicians and introducing music videos (yes, MTV still shows those) to hordes of screaming teens. That is, when she's not at her other job, as the Gotham correspondent for Entertainment Tonight, where she updates viewers on New York City's freshest celeb news.

Schmoozing stars isn't easy, but Vanessa's used to charming new people. After a nomadic childhood as an Air Force brat, touching down in the Philippines, Germany, and Turkey, Vanessa finally landed in the U.S. Here the straight-A student entered her first beauty pageant, the 1998 Miss South Carolina Teen USA contest, on a dare from her then-boyfriend's father."He said, 'Maybe my son will treat you like the gueen you are," Vanessa explains."I won, he didn't change, and we broke up."

## 'This is kind of weird, but the smell of liquor on a man is sexy.'

What a moron. Later that year, armed only with her natural charisma and a tiny two-piece bathing suit, the Philippine-Irish-Italian ingénue won the Miss Teen USA title. While many beauty queens quickly fade into obscurity, Vanessa was just getting started, trading in her sash and tiara for a microphone and cue cards. "Everything has opened up from that opportunity," she says. "Even MTV has the fingerprint of the Miss Universe organization on it."

She's not taking her success for granted."I'm lucky," the 24-year-old observes. "My job is to talk to fun people, listen to cool music, and go to parties. I can always do serious stuff when I'm older, but I'm gonna live it up right now. I feel very blessed." Amen. Let us count her blessings.

#### What are you listening to right now?

That's so hard! My gym playlist was rolling for the photo shoot. I listened to everything from Beyoncé to TLC to Tom Petty to Guns n' Roses.

Who's your favorite artist?

I love Beyoncé. Jesus, that girl's got everything. And she's hot. I give her a lot of credit—she's one of the few people who can actually sing.

#### What was your first day on TRL like?

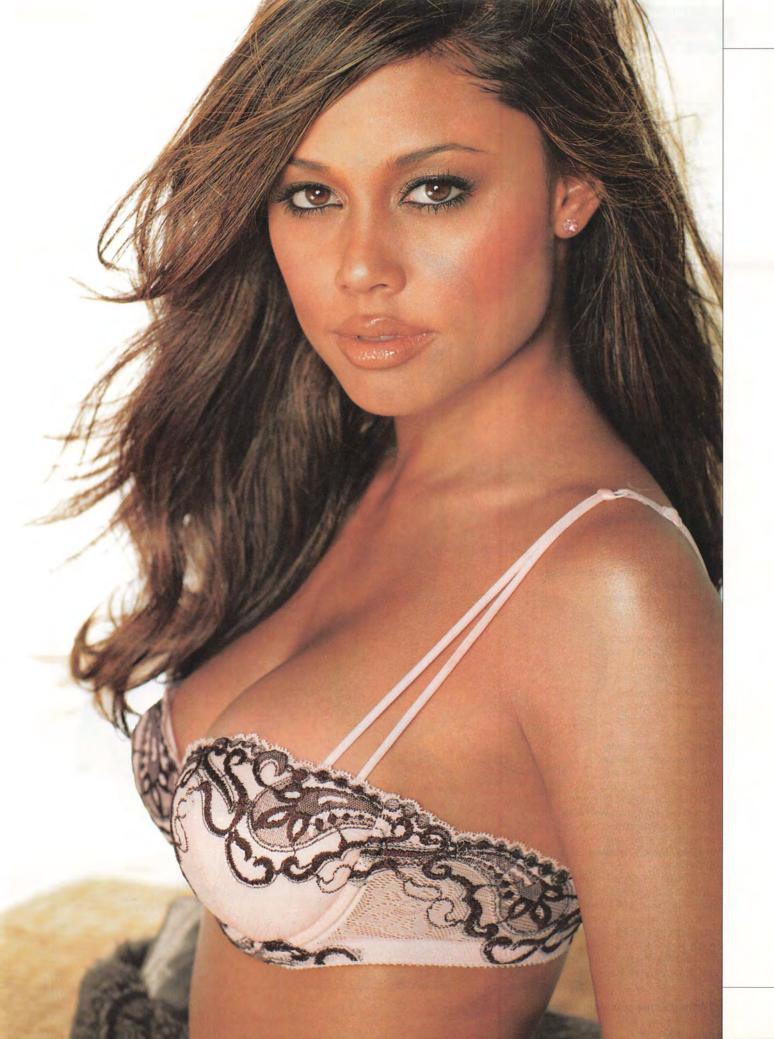
It was a disaster. I was interviewing Chingy, and I could smell liquor on his breath. He was wasted! To me-and this is kind of weird, I hope it doesn't mean I'm an alcoholic-the smell of liquor on a man is sexy. So he's talking and I'm smelling the booze, and I have to remember, This is live. Ask your questions. Don't get caught up in the moment. Other than that, it was just very nerve-racking. But in an hour it was over.

Do those evil teenagers ever go buck wild? When Mark Wahlberg was on, we looked up and, all of a sudden, this chick is hauling ass across the stage toward him. She runs around him, bumps me out of the way, and gets a death grip on his family jewels. She would not let go. He's trying to pull her off, security's trying to pull him off her-she held on to his equipment for a good 10 seconds. And when the cops got to her, she had a look of euphoria on her face, like, "I don't care." When she first came in the studio she was holding a Chucky doll that had its head shaved. That should have been a red flag.

Is that typical groupie behavior? Groupie girls are awful! Groupie guys will

be really sweet-they'll propose or write something on a T-shirt. But groupie girls will give you looks, throw blows, and cuss you out. They look at me like,"I could do your job."

Which guest has been the most different from his public persona?





## 'I like to flirt, but I'm a one-man girl.

Tonight, you're awash in celebrity culture. Why do people care about that crap?

People live vicariously through celebrities. And when the stars make mistakes, oh my gosh, they eat it up-and that's what sucks. A lot of it is fabricated. They build you up to bring you down. Yet you work for Entertainment Tonight. It's a balancing act. I try to bring a fresh vibe to celebrity news but also relay the information

and let people interpret it as they wish. Katie Holmes was at TRL before the Tom Cruise thing came out, and she was backstage, supergiddy. But it's not my place—I won't be that person asking,"Hey, are you sleeping with so-and-so, because I saw you look at her?" I don't want celebrities to hide when they see me coming.

So what do those rotten media people get wrong about you?

Every single hookup. I've dated four guys my whole life, but apparently I've hooked up with everyone who's come through TRL. If you flirt with someone, you're automatically sleeping with them. Or worse, canoodling. I flirt and have a good time, but I'm a one-man girl. The media makes up so much crap. Lately they've been saying

that Derek Jeter is your man.

I never understood why people always said "no comment," but now I get it. I value my privacy. All I'll say is that I've been very happy, and contrary to what the media says, I have been with the same person since I've been in New York.

Were you a baseball fan before you came to New York?

I never watched baseball until I moved here, and now I'm the biggest baseball nerd. I watch it, I read about it, I know all the acronyms-RISP (runners in scoring position), GIDP (grounded into a double play), RBI (runs batted in). It's reached the point where I watch games and try to figure out what the pitcher's throwing. Is that a splitter? A cutter? A curve?







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As an Air Force brat, was it hard having to make new friends every three years?

Actually, I went to nine different schools before high school—I moved every year. It definitely made me who I am, someone who can go up to people and say hi.

Yeah, but it must suck after a while, right? It made me a chameleon. I can be this girl who sits around and talks about sports, or I can be this girl who puts on a dress and wins a beauty contest, or this girl who shoots for Maxim, or

# 'I shoveled my dog's poop for money.'

this girl who shovels poop for money.
Um...what?

My dad paid me to clean up after Lucky, our dog.

That sounds like working at TRL! So what
was it like to grow up in Turkey?

It was interesting. There, if you're American you're considered wealthy. If you're blonde you're considered a god, because the gods touched your hair and turned it golden. Oh, and their bathroom is literally a hole in the ground that they squat over. It was eye-opening.

Sounds more like nose-opening. Didn't you have to evacuate from Turkey?

Yeah, we were living there when Desert Storm started. I was 10, and I'll never forget—we were in class, and it came over the loudspeaker that everyone had to get on their knees and start praying, because the war had started.

#### Then what?

It was a Department of Defense school, so everyone had at least one parent in the service. All our families got numbers, and we had to pack everything we could into a suitcase. Then we sat by the TV to wait for our number to be called, and at three in the morning we went to the airport. We flew to the U.S. in a cargo plane and sat on the floor, eating our box lunches.

What happened when you got here?
We ended up on my father's doorstep, and my stepmom opened the door. My mom said, "Could you take Vanessa for a while until we get a house out here?" Then she left me there and never came back.

Wow. When did you hear from her again?
Like, 10 years later, after I won Miss Teen USA.
We ended up fighting—of course, I was a little bitter. She said, "You're just like your father," and I said, "That's the nicest thing anyone's ever said to me," then we said goodbye and hung up.
What's it like winning a teenage beauty pageant in front of all those people?

pageant in front of all those people?
I was terrified. 'N Sync was performing, it was completely sold out, and 90 percent of the people were there to see them. They were like, "Get out of the way! You're blocking Justin!"
What would you have done if you lost?
Engineering school. Georgia Tech offered me



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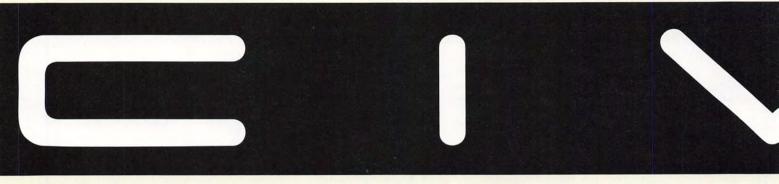
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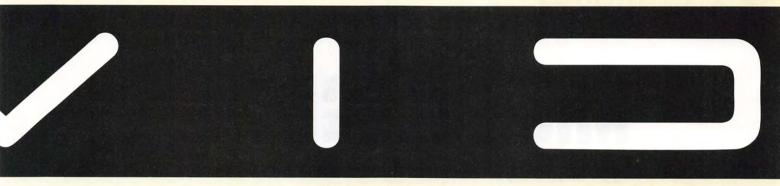
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# MICK JAGGER

At 62, Mick Jagger may qualify for the senior discount, but with a new Stones record and cash-minting world tour in the works, the rock legend still needs to get his ya-yas out.

#### TOUR TIMELINE



T-Mobile sponsors the *Licks* tour. **Gross:** \$300 million.



1997 Sprint sponsors the *Bridges to Babylon* tour. **Gross:** \$89 million.



1989 Budweiser sponsors the Steel Wheels tour. Gross: \$98 million.



1981
Jovan fragrances sponsors the Tattoo You tour.
Gross: \$35 million.

#### A Bigger Bang is your first studio record in eight years. What vibe were you going for this time around?

We were going for something super direct and communicable—really well-crafted songs that are played with a lot of gusto and verve. We wanted to get to the core of really good rock tunes and then dash out on the edges with a few other styles.

#### The gossip pages are going crazy about the song "Sweet Neo Con," which is rumored to be about George W. Bush. Are you slamming him?

It's not about Bush. It wouldn't be called "Sweet Neo Con" if it was about Bush. [laughs] It's about a friend I had an argument with. It's kind of a tonque-in-cheek poke at neocon politics.

#### Your tours are some of the most lucrative in the history of rock. What do you say to people who complain the Rolling Stones are only in it for the money?

Money is a really nice by-product of being successful. If you're a successful basketball player, you get paid. If you're a successful football player, you get paid. And if you're a successful rock band, you get paid, too. We've been around for a long time. We've had our ups and downs, but we really love what we do. People enjoy coming to watch us, and we're proud of that. I wouldn't want to do it if nobody came.

## On 60 Minutes, Bob Dylan complained that he's lost a step. Do you agree?

Dylan's always been one of my favorite artists and a great inspiration to me as a writer. I read his book, *Chronicles*, and it's a great book, but he's always so down on himself and very self-deprecating—he's like a super-Englishman. I think he should stand up for his talent more, because his last album was great.

## Do you feel that writing songs isn't as easy as it used to be?

It doesn't take me very long to write songs. Some songs, like "Oh No, Not You Again," come very quickly—I wrote it in 10 minutes. Why should it take any longer than that?

#### Outside of the \$100 ticket prices, corporate sponsorships, and suits in attendance, how are your tours different now than they were 30 years ago?

They're not that different. But there's slightly less makeup and spangly clothes now. I used to wear those bright blue zip-up velvet jumpsuits, and I'm not wearing those at the moment.

Bet the backstage isn't the same...

Yeah, there wasn't as much food as there is now. But the girls were younger then, and there were more drinks.

#### Your tours used to be sponsored by Budweiser—now they're sponsored by Ameriquest. What the heck happened?

Well, they offered us the most money, that's how it happened. What you really need sponsors for is advertising money and visibility; you don't actually get a lot of cash for yourself. It's fine as long as they're people you can deal with, whether it's a phone company or a mortgage company or a beer company.

## Budweiser is a bit more rock'n'roll than a mortgage company, don't you think?

I don't equate rock'n'roll with beer any more than I equate it with bottle tops—it doesn't make much of a difference to me.

# You're 62 years old and about to go on a world tour for the next year. How do you stay in shape for that?

I have to be very serious about it. It's very dull, a bit like you're working on the tennis tour or something. I have to eat right, train right, and do vocal warmups all the time to get my voice in really good shape. I can't drink too much. Obviously, I can't smoke.

#### Boy, that sounds like a lot of fun.

It's no fun at all. I've been doing it for a long time, and it's quite monastic, really. Sure, you can have a great time—I go out dancing, I go clubbing—but I've got to watch out because it's very debilitating. I can't go out and get completely drunk and stay out until six and then get on the stage the next day. Well, I can, but it wouldn't be a particularly good performance.

#### When was the last time you overindulged on tour?

It was 1981. Oh, I was just awful.

## So is this your last tour?

I just live inside the moment. I don't really plan beyond it as far as the Rolling Stones are concerned. I've worked on this Rolling Stones record, I've worked on this Rolling Stones tour, and I've got too much to do to worry about what happens in three or four years' time.

#### How do you eventually want the Rolling Stones to go out?

We don't want to go out and be bad, so I guess there's a point where you want to be graceful. But I haven't really thought about it, to be perfectly honest, so anything I say is rubbish.

How about a giant Viking funeral?
I don't see that. Although I had a friend with a

beautiful sailing boat, and he wanted to be burned on it when he died. It was in his will. Of course, his family didn't go along with the plan. They kept the boat and buried him.

## Does Mick Jagger own an iPod?

I own many, many iPods. I was very fortunate. When they came out, Apple sent me a bunch of them, so I've been using them for four years.

#### And what's on your playlist?

I like a real mixture. I download everything from classical music to country to folk music to New Age music to young British bands to blues bands. I listen to absolutely everything. I just listened to the new Missy Elliott album, and I'm not sure if it's that great. I'll have to give it a few more goes. I've been playing a lot of this English band the 22-20s. They're really good, but they do sound a lot like the Stones.

#### What, no 50 Cent or Eminem?

You know who likes the new Eminem record? Charlie Watts.

#### The Stones' drummer loves Eminem.

Yeah, I haven't even heard it, but Charlie keeps telling me I have to listen to it. There's just so much music out there.

#### Looking back, what's your take on the whole Rolling Stones—Beatles rivalry?

We were quite good friends, but back in the day there was a certain amount of rivalry between us, you know, especially in England, because they were from the north of England and we were from different towns. It was a bit like L.A. and New York in America. We were quite big rivals, actually, but that was so long ago it's hard to believe.

## Settle it for us once and for all: Are the Stones better than the Beatles?

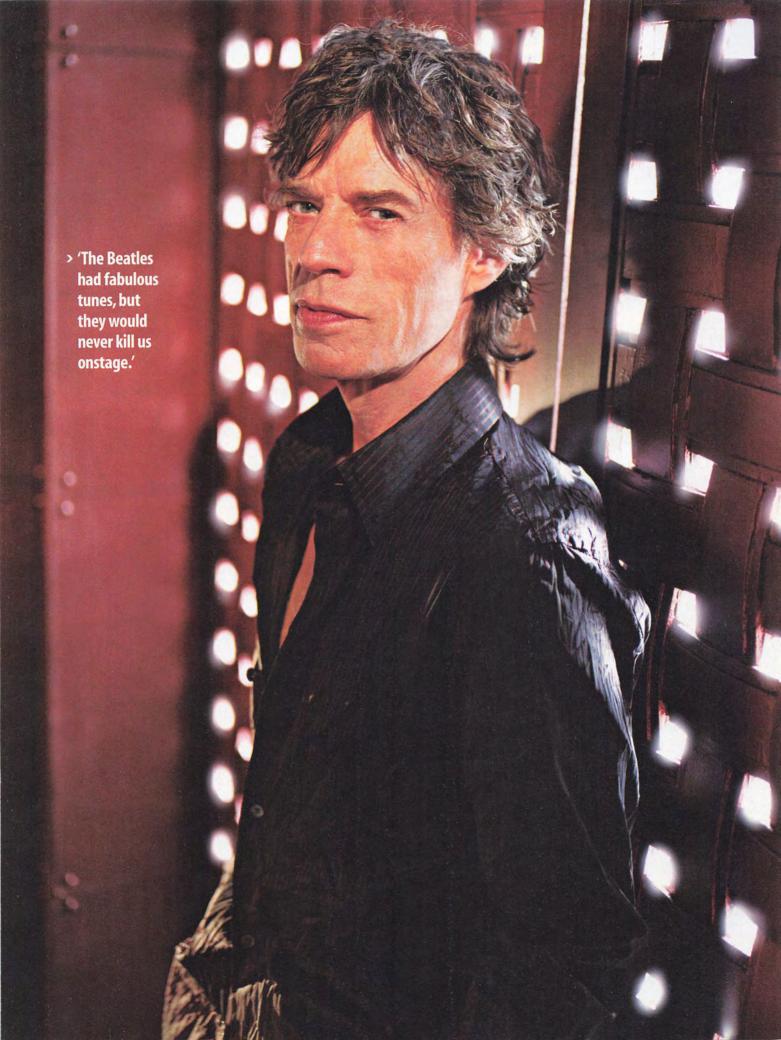
Well, obviously. The Beatles had some fabulous tunes, but they would never kill us onstage. They never really got it, you know? I remember saying to John, "It's completely different performing in arenas. You can go out there and play music and actually hear what you're doing. No one screams so loud that you can't hear anything anymore, and it's much more grown-up, but still fun." And they never really lasted long enough as a live band to do arena tours.

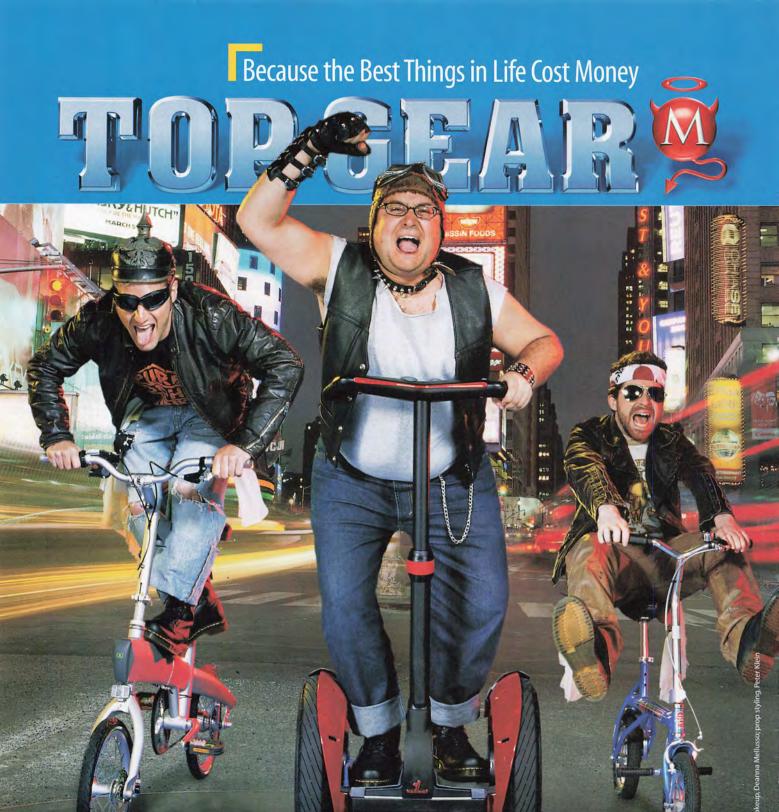
# What do you think the Rolling Stones' greatest accomplishment has been? Surviving with most of our fingers intact.



Interview by Eric Gillin.

A Bigger Bang hits stores on
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# OPERATION: WILD RIDE

Maxim staffers went deep undercover to road-test this month's top gear. Then they disappeared.

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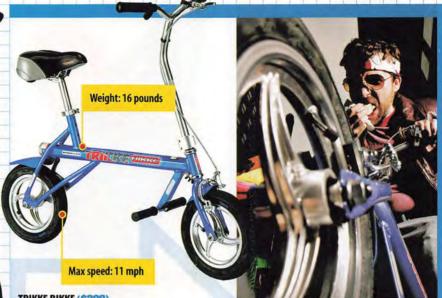
#### SEGWAY HT 1180 (\$4,999)

Walking's for suckers, thanks to Dean Kamen's gyroscope-balanced two-wheel wonder: New tricks include two lithium-ion battery packs, which power up to 24 miles of scooting with only eight to 10 hours of charge time. Three different colorcoded keys control top speeds, and an antitheft device means it'll be your BFF. (segway.com)



#### THE COMMUTE

FISH SAYS: "Navigating through taxicabs and messenger bikes at rush hour made me feel like I was going to die. But when I started riding on the sidewalk, things went smoother. Stairclimbing mode helped me carry it into my apartment. It's a blast to take it up to top speed and cut turns in the halls."



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#### THE COMMUTE

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TIME TO CATCH WABBIT: 35 MIN.

POP-TART REPORTS: "The directional compass was helpful, but the built-in map was like reading an Etch-a-Sketch. At my destination, it kept saying I was only seven feet away."



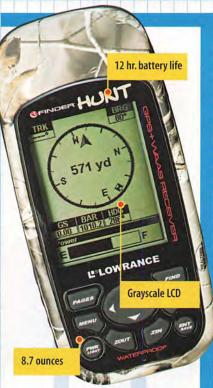
#### GARMIN GPSMAP 60CS (\$482)

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TIME TO CATCH WABBIT: 40 MIN.

YODEL REPORTS: "I found my way, but I felt like Screech in that episode of Saved by the Bell where he was on the beach hunting for coins. Also, there were too many buttons."



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IME TO CATCH WABBIT

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AGENT PARSNIP: "It was tricky because I'm used to larger buttons. But the screen was nice and big. The red color didn't make me feel sexy, though."



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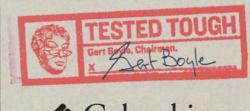
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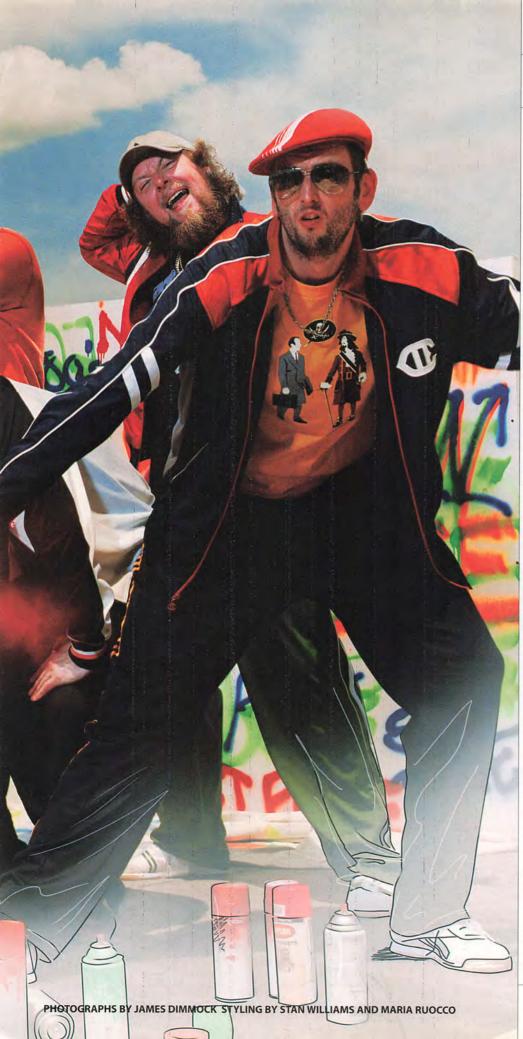




The days are shorter, and the leaves are browner—it must be the season of rock! buckle with embossed pewter coins on an aged leather strap, \$409, by Trunk

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In addition to high-powered weed and cheap track suits, this eight-man rap crew enjoys busting a move, pretending they're robots, and kicking out goofball anthems like "Your Mother's Got a Penis" on their U.S. debut, Straight Outta Newport. Or, as they would say, "You knows it!"

(from left):

Xain: Track jacket, \$48, by American Eagle Outfitters; Señor Loco T-shirt, \$25, by Nautica Jeans Company; Superstar pants, \$50, and Stan Smith sneakers, \$55, both by Adidas; Clark straw hat, \$40, by Bailey of Hollywood; jewelry and sunglasses,

Mike Balls: Original Sport track jacket, \$65, by Adidas; Brushed back tricot pants, \$30, by Champion 1919 Collection; Kick 70 Czechoslovakia sneakers, \$60, by Adidas: T-shirt, sunglasses, and jewelry, Balls' own.

2-Hats: Romanelli tennis warmup jacket, \$80, by Ellesse; Cock-a-Doodle Doo T-shirt, \$25, by Nautica Jeans Company; Brushed back tricot pants, \$30, by Champion 1919 Collection; jewelry, 2-Hats' own.

Adam Hussain: Perfect T, \$9, by Hanes; Fedora hat, \$42, by Bailey of Hollywood; Commander sunglasses, \$385, by Oliver Peoples by Larry Leight; jewelry and Adidas sneakers, Hussain's own; pants, stylist's own.

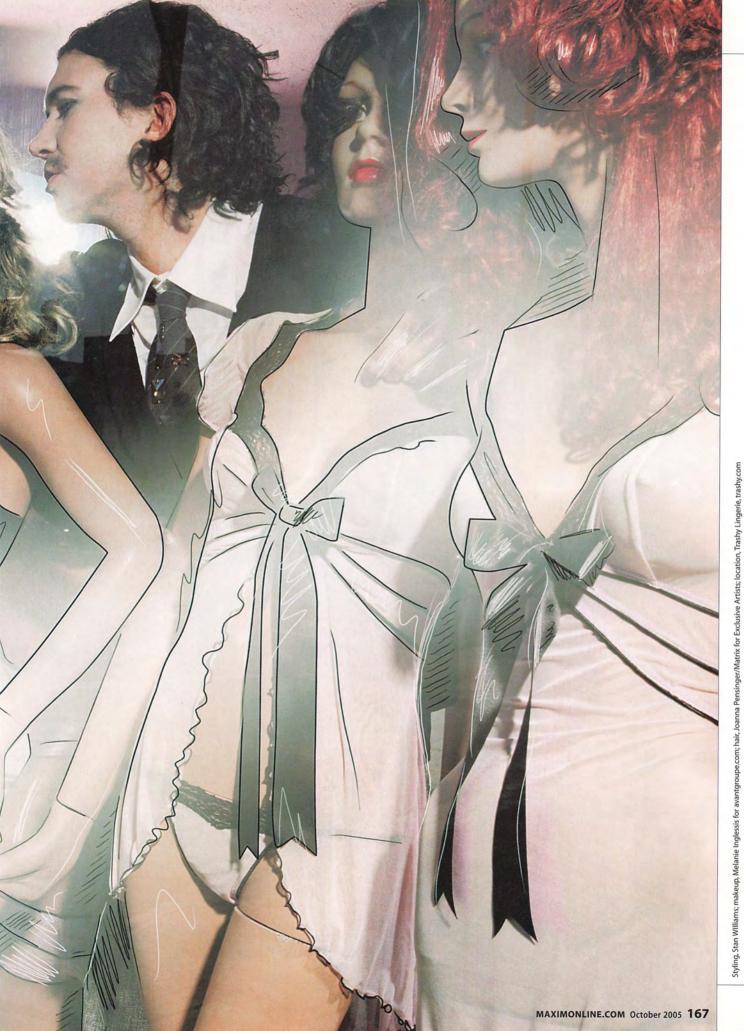
Eggsy: Black-Jack zip jacket, \$79, and Yates track pants, \$79, both by Ben Sherman; Vitas sneakers, \$90, by Ellesse; T-shirt, jewelry, and sunglasses, Eggsy's own.

Billy Webb: Lese sweater, \$149, by Energie; Mas Duro Special Edition T-shirt, \$75, by PJE Los Angeles; Veneziano warmup pants, \$60, by Ellesse; sweatband, jewelry, and Adidas sneakers, Webb's own.

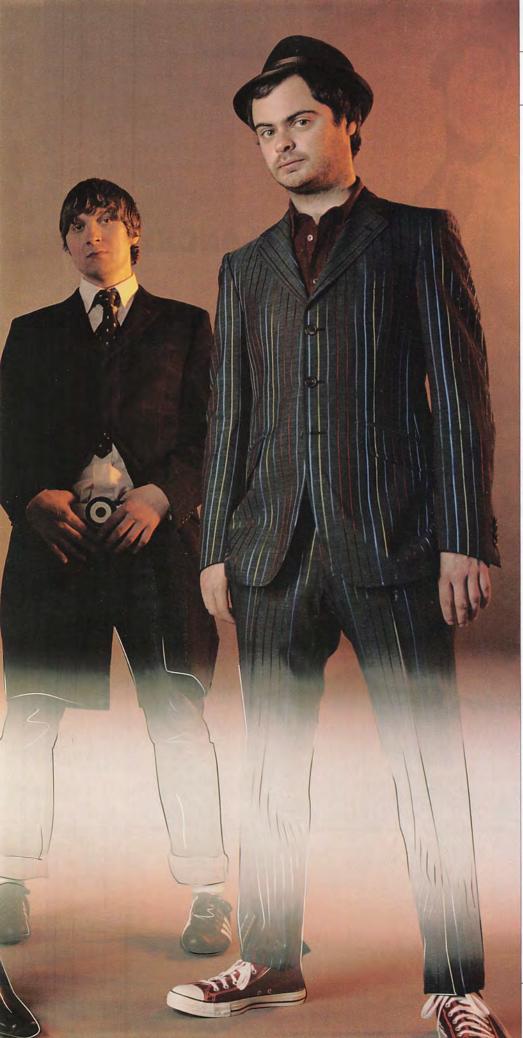
Mystikal: Cavallini warmup zip-through jacket, \$80, by Ellesse; They're Everywhere T-shirt, \$49, by Serpico 21; Brushed back tricot pants, \$30, by Champion 1919 Collection; Vitas sneakers, \$90, by Ellesse; jewelry and Adidas hat, Mystikal's own.

The Maggot: Color-blocked warmup jacket, \$55, by Champion 1919 Collection; Ask Me How I Became a Pirate T-shirt, \$15, by Threadless; Classic Supercourt Team SS sneakers, \$60, by Reebok; Lightweight knit Ivy hat, \$30, by Ben Sherman; jewelry, sunglasses, and Adidas track pants, Maggot's own.









On their debut record, Employment, this five-member rock outfit from the U.K. bursts with fruit flavors and pop hooks, jittering around like a kindergartner with a massive collection of mod-sounding rock records from the Jam.

Ricky Wilson: Italian knit tie, \$80, by Kent Nielsen; silk pocket square, \$65, by Best of Class by Robert Talbott; Joint trousers, \$99, by Ben Sherman; Puma overcoat and vintage shirt, vest, and boots, Wilson's own.

Simon Rix: Italian Oxford two-ply dress shirt, \$175, by Kent Nielsen; cashmere bow tie, \$105, by Estate by Robert Talbott; tailored trousers (part of suit, \$699), by Ben Sherman; Astaire shoes, \$215, by Mezlan.

Nick Hodgson: Aubrey beaver felt hat with silk satin trim, \$840, by Rod Keenan New York; Lorenzo shirt, \$79, by Original Penguin; Fruit stripe tie, \$90, by Lee Allison; Lord trousers, \$99, by Ben Sherman; Marauder loafers, \$295, by Mark Nason.

Andrew "Whitey" White: Lace coat, \$349, by Ben Sherman; dobby dress shirt, \$175, by Kent Nielsen; Skull & Crossbones tie, \$90, by Lee Allison; Ben Sherman belt, Adidas shoes, and Levi's jeans, Whitey's own.

Nick "Peanut" Baines: Piet velour felt hatwith silk satin trim, \$800, by Rod Keenan New York; striped suit, \$1,600, by Etro; button-down shirt, \$370, by Moschino Uomo; Chuck Taylor All Star sneakers, \$40, by Converse.







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LEFT: New recruits avoid the perils of NOT MILLER LITE while training on the obstacle course at Camp Miller.

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"I had to flag a German tourist in the Côte d'Azur last summer for drinking the wrong beer," explains Veteran Miller Ref Chad Einschnitzel. "And I was on my honeymoon." The life of the beer ref is one of dedication. He must adhere to the Tenets of Great Taste in all that he does. Character. Substance. Personal Style. "You're never off the clock," Einschnitzel says. "It's a 24/7/365 lifestyle." Each year, thousands of hopeful recruits descend upon Camp Miller with dreams of becoming a Miller Ref. Located somewhere inside the bustling metropolis of Milwaukee, Camp Miller is run by the pioneers who called the very first taste infractions. Roughing the Palate. Ineligible Toast. Import Encroachment. The list is long. But becoming a Miller Ref is no easy task. A beer with character deserves a man with character. "The bar's set pretty high," says Einschnitzel. "Last year nobody made it...and my son tried out." Enlist at MillerBeer.com





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ABOVE: Veteran Miller Ref Chad Einschnitzel discusses the correlation between beer with less taste and man capris. "One leads to the other," explains Einschnitzel. "It's just not right." For six years Rilo Kiley played sweet music in relative obscurity, honing their indie cred opening for Superchunk and making critically acclaimed records. But after Warner Bros. nabbed their new record, More Adventurous, and they opened for Coldplay, the shroud of anonymity fell from their shoulders.

#### Pierre de Reeder:

Herringbone striped jacket, \$1,300, by Etro; cashmere-like cotton sweater, \$95, and herringbone striped shirt, \$125, both by DKNY; 527 low-rise boot-fit jeans \$40, by Levi's

#### **Blake Sennet**

Cabbage Rose spread collar shirt, \$325, by Etro; Classic denim jeans, \$60, by Calvin Klein Jeans; vintage blazer, Sennet's own.

#### enny Lewis:

Jewelry and Talula Babaton suit, Lewis' own.

#### Jason Boest:

Herringbone blazer, \$250, by CK39; polo, \$29, striped buttondown shirt, \$49, and denim loose-fit Tarnished jeans, \$69, all by Calvin Klein Jeans.







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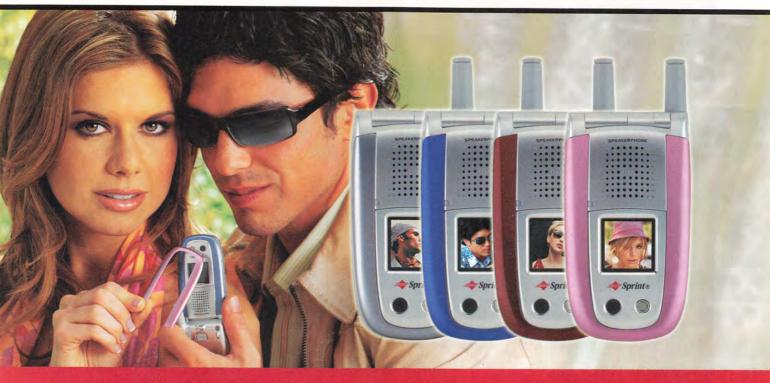


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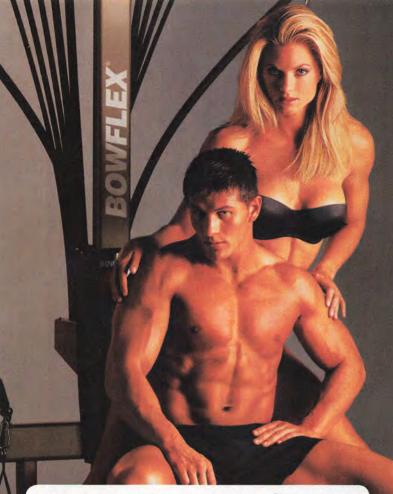
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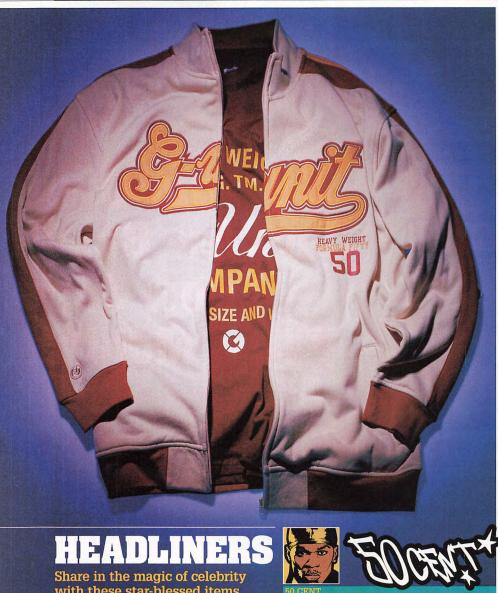
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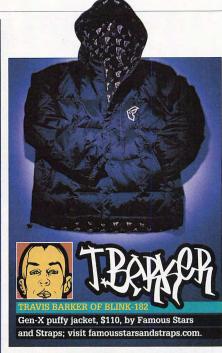
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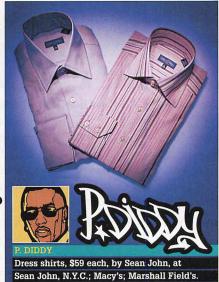
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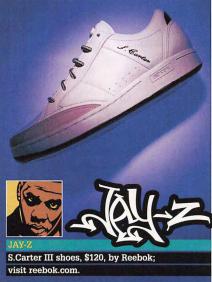
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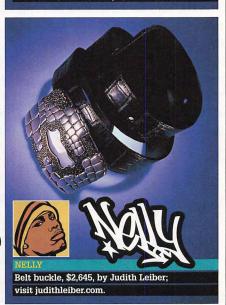
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Coach jacket, \$58.50, and Delivery tee, \$24.50, by G-Unit Clothing Company, at Macy's.









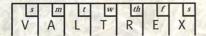
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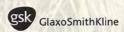
#### JUST ONE VALTREX A DAY HELPS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO CURE FOR HERPES, AND EVEN WITH TREATMENT, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SPREAD HERPES TO OTHERS. VALTREX MAY NOT PREVENT ALL RECURRENCES. TO AVOID A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS COMPLICATION, TELL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS NOT NORMAL BECAUSE OF ADVANCED HIV DISEASE, BONE MARROW OR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. COMMON SIDE EFFECTS ARE HEADACHE, NAUSEA, AND ABDOMINAL PAIN.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT DAILY VALTREX.



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MAY VARY.
Please see accompanying important patient information.



### PATIENT INFORMATION VALTREX (VAL-trex) (valacyclovir hydrochloride) Caplets

Read the Patient Information that comes with VALTREX before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

#### What is VALTREX?

VALTREX is a prescription antiviral medicine. VALTREX lowers the ability of herpes viruses to multiply in your body.

#### VALTREX is used:

- to treat cold sores (also called fever blisters or herpes labialis) in adults
- to treat shingles (also called herpes zoster) in adults
- to treat or control genital herpes outbreaks in adults with normal immune systems
- to control genital herpes outbreaks in adults infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) with CD4 cell count greater than 100 cells/mm³
- with safer sex practices to lower the chances of spreading genital herpes to others
   Even with safer sex practices, it is still possible to spread genital herpes.

VALTREX used daily with the following safer sex practices can lower the chances of passing genital herpes to your partner.

- Do not have sexual contact with your partner when you have any symptom or outbreak of genital herpes.
- Use a condom made of latex or polyurethane whenever you have sexual contact.

VALTREX does not cure herpes infections (cold sores, shingles, or genital herpes).

VALTREX has not been studied in children who have not reached puberty.

#### What are cold sores, shingles, and genital herpes?

Cold sores are coused by a herpes virus that may be spread by kissing or other physical contact with the infected area of the skin. They are small, poinful clices that you get in or around your mouth. It is not known if VALTREX can stop the spread of cold sores to others.

Shingles is caused by the same herpes virus that causes chicken pox. It causes small, painful blisters that happen on a certain area of your skin. Shingles occurs in people who have alteredy had chicken pox. Shingles can be spread to people who have not had chickenpox or the chickenpox voccine by contact with the infected areas of the skin. It is not known if VALIREX can stop the spread of shingles to others.

Genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease. It causes small, painful blisters on your genital area. You can spread genital herpes to others, even when you have no symptoms. If you are sexually active, you can still pass herpes to your partner, even if you are taking VALTREX. VALTREX, taken every day as prescribed and used with the following safer sex practices, can lower the chances of passing genital herpes to your partner.

- Do not have sexual contact with your partner when you have any symptom or outbreak of genital herpes.
- Use a condom made of latex or polyurethane whenever you have sexual contact.
   Ask, your healthcare provider for more information about safer sex practices.

#### Who should not take VALTREX?

**Do not take VALITEX** if you are allergic to any of its ingredients or to acyclovir. The active ingredient is valacyclovir. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in VALITEX.

#### Before taking VALTREX, tell your healthcare provider: About all your medical conditions, including:

- if you have had a bone marrow transplant or kidney transplant, or if you have advanced HIV disease or "AIDS".
   Patients with these conditions may have a higher chance for getting a blood disorder called thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura/hemolytic uremic syndrome (TIP/HUS). TIP/HUS can result in death.
- if you have kidney problems. Patients with kidney problems may have a higher chance for getting side effects or more kidney problems with VALTREX. Your healthcare provider may give you a lower dose of VALTREX.
- if you are 65 years of age or older. Elderly patients have a higher chance of certain side effects. Also, elderly patients are more likely to have kidney problems. Your healthcare provider may give you a lower dose of VALTREX.
- if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. Talk with your healthcare provider about the risks and benefits of taking prescription drugs (including VALTREX) during pregnancy.
- if you are breastfeeding. VALTREX may pass into your milk and it
  may harm your baby. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best
  way to feed your baby if you are taking VALTREX.

 about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. VALTEX may offect other medicines, and other medicines may affect VALTEX. This may happen if you have certain medicine conditions



such as kidney problems. It is a good idea to keep a complete list of all the medicines you take. Show this list to your healthcare provider and pharmacist any time you get a new medicine.

#### How should I take VALTREX?

Take VALTREX exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Your dose of VALTREX and length of treatment will depend on the type of herpes infection that you have and any other medical problems that you have.

- Do not stop VALIREX or change your treatment without talking to your healthcare provider.
- · VALTREX can be taken with or without food.
- If you are taking VALIREX to treat cold sores, shingles, or genital herpes, you should start treatment as soon as possible after your symptoms start. VALIREX may not help you if you start treatment too late.
- If you miss a dose of VALIREX, take it as soon as you remember and then take your next dose at its regular time. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Woit and take the next dose of the repular interest.
- Do not take more than the prescribed number of VALIREX Caplets each day.
   Call your healthcare provider right away if you take too much VALIREX.

What are the possible side effects of VALTREX?
Kidney failure and nervous system problems are not common, but can be serious in some patients taking VALTREX. Nervous system problems include aggressive behavior, unsteady movements, confusion, speech problems, hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are really not there), seizures, and coma. Kidney failure and nervous system problems have happened in patients who already have kidney disease and in elderly patients whose kidneys do not work well due to age. Always tell your healthcare provider if you have kidney problems before taking VALTREX. Call your doctor right away if you get a nervous system problem while you are taking VALTREX.

Common side effects of VALTREX include headache, nausea, stomach pain, vomiting, and dizziness. Side effects in HIV-infected adults include headache, tiredness, and rash. These side effects are usually mild and usually do not cause potients to stop taking VALTREX.

Other less common side effects include poinful periods in women, joint pain, depression, low blood cell counts, and changes in tests that measure how well the liver and kidneys work.

#### Talk to your healthcare provider if you develop any side effects that concern you.

These are not all the side effects of VALTREX. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

#### How should I store VALTREX?

- Store VALTREX at room temperature, 59° to 77°F (15° to 25°C).
- Keep VALTREX in a tightly closed container.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need.
- Keep VALTREX and all medicines out of the reach of children.

#### General information about VALTREX

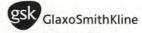
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use VALIREX for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VALIREX to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about VALTREX. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider, You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacts for information about VALTREX that is written for health professionals. More information is available at waw VALTREX.com.

#### What are the ingredients in VALTREX?

Active Ingredient: valocyclovir hydrochloride

Inactive Ingredients: canauba wax, colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, FD&C Blue No. 2 Lake, hypromellose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80, povidone, and titanium dioxide. RX Only



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In a remarkable turn of events, arguably one of the strangest in the history of athletic performance,

an offshoot of research directed to help victims of muscle atrophy has now become an underground cult phenomenon among bodybuilders, world-class athletes and, strangely enough, couch potatoes from the "boomer" generation. And, if consumer sales are any indication of a product's effectiveness, Endothil™-CR is nothing short of a miracle. Both professional athletes and weekend warriors are buying so much Endothil-CR (especially after the ban on steroids and steroid precursors) that finding a box has become just about impossible. Has everyone gone crazy? Well... not really.

### Scientific Breakthrough or Dumb Luck?

Although Endothil-CR's functional component was already backed by clinical trials documenting its ability to impact the proper development of muscle and strength programs, the success of Endothil-CR as a bodybuilding product was "dumb luck," says Louis Rinaldi, spokesperson for Novex Biotech,<sup>TM</sup> the compound's developers.

"When research was first published on the compound's ability to help rebuild traumatized muscle tissue, trainers (believe it or not, a lot of athletic trainers are physical therapists who help get trauma victims back in shape) began suggesting the compound's muscle-and strength-building attributes

could be a safe replacement for the most controversial performance enhancers (which are currently targets of Congressional investigation)," says Rinaldi. "As these cutting-edge trainers began recommending the compound to their competitive clients, they began to receive feedback like, 'I can't believe how much it helps my muscle and strength program' and 'I never experienced anything like this."

Dr. Daniel B. Mowrey, Ph.D., Novex Biotech's Director of Scientific Affairs, says, "Clearly, people were seeing results, but we didn't have a scientific explanation as to why this muscle mass and strength impact was occurring. However, based on the incredibly positive reports, it is impossible to just ignore the effectiveness of Endothil-CR."

#### **Dumb Luck Strikes Again!**

Then, in 2003, the results of an independent study of 31 fit males was released. During a double-blind, 6-week bodybuilding study, the active compound in Endothil-CR increased upper body strength by 100% and lower body strength by 249% after concentrated exercise (as measured by the amount of weight participants could bench press and leg press). And biceps circumference increased dramatically over placebo – more than a four-fold increase in circumference versus almost no increase with the placebo group (who were on the same bodybuilding program).

Since the study's release in December of 2003, researchers have been seeking a natural source for the active Endothil-CR compound. Finally, Novex Biotech discovered that, of all things, an extract of a special strain of green tomatoes could provide the active compound in the precise amount needed.

Mho would have thought a compound developed to help people overcome muscle atrophy would go beyond nitric oxide, beyond so-called "precursors," to become the bodybuilding breakthrough of the decade?

That discovery led to Endothil-CR... a unique and proven method for muscle size and strength beyond what is acquired through the normal recruitment and differentiation of progenitor muscle cells. Finally, a way to assist your bodybuilding program for muscle and strength without steroids or steroid-like precursors.

#### But Is EndothilTM-CR Illegal?

As of this writing Endothil-CR has not been banned by any amateur or professional organized sporting body including the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Mowrey explains, "Most doctors understand the cumulative, detrimental effects steroid abuse has on the human body. Obviously, a compound that can impact muscle mass and strength has a clear and unambiguous benefit to both professional and amateur athletes ... "

So, if you see athletes popping a tiny little pink tablet developed to help trauma victims regain muscle size and strength, don't think they've gone off the deep end... they may be smarter than you think.

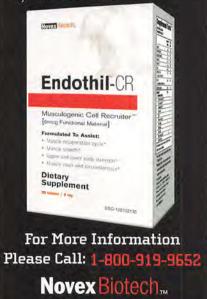
#### So, What's the Catch?

To experience the full benefits of Endothil-CR you'll have to completely alter your workout routine. You can no longer do generalized, full-body workouts... you'll have to focus on a single, specific muscle group and exercise that muscle group to exhaustion. Why? Because exercise to exhaustion creates "trauma" and Endothil-CR helps your body by impacting the recruitment of progenitor muscle cells to repair (build) traumatized muscle tissue. The results? An increase in both upper and lower body (whichever area you exercise) muscle size and circumference... and increased strength.

Having a hard time finding Endothil CR? If you've been searching for Endothil-CR, you already know it's become almost impossible to find. This tiny little tablet has attained "cult" status. Try your local GNC retailer (they always seem to keep it in stock), or try ordering through your local gym or supplement retailer. Can't wait?

Your best bet is to call Novex Biotech™ at 1-800-919-9652, or order online at www.Endothil.com. The price is \$59.97 for a full 30-day supply... one tablet taken 30 minutes prior to your workout every day.

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#### RESEARCH SUMMARY

Endothil"-CR Helps Build Muscle Mass and Strength in Exercising Adult Men Dr. Daniel B. Mowrey, Ph.D.

It is well known that increased muscle mass and strength occur in the most effective manner when exercise routines are done to exhaustion, i.e. when exercise results in schemia or hypoxia in localized areas of muscle. Hypoxia produced areas of muscle. Hypoxia produced her "sgmals" required to boost muscle require and growth in the area of arrain. One of the goods of weight training is to build muscle without scar tissue. Too much exercise on an ear muscle to the point where scaring well result. Too first exercise produces full cincrease in mass or strength. There appears to be an optimal point for muscling growth without scarring left exercise produces full cincrease in mass or strength. There appears to be an optimal point for muscling growth without scarring left exercise the strength carried by these considerations.

mass and strength through exercise is constrained by these considerations.

As research begins to surawl the mechanisms involved in building muscle mass, it has become apparent that it should be possible to enhance muscle growth by simulating certain aspects of the muscle building precises. For example, we know that inchange to physical, with attendant inflammation and activation of so-called growth factors, produces signals that recruit the migration of prognation cells from the loon marrow and blood stream to the hypoxic area to be used in rebuilding the muscle. The discovery of a method for enhancing the recruitment of the prognition ends might increase the incorporation of these progenities cells into the matrix of new muscle issues, contributing to an increased muscle mass.

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A study was designed to test the hypothesis that the administration of the core compound in Endothil®-CR to exercising men will lead to increases in muscle growth and strength exceeding those achieved through exercise alone.

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RESULTS

After six works, the subjects what took the active compound experienced a significant (pc005) increase in both upper and lower body strength as well as in circumference of the biceps muscle. Specifically, the amount of weight bench greated increased by 10 lbs. in subjects receiving ECNs core compound compared to an increase of 3 lbs. in subjects receiving placeho. The amount of weight leg pressed increased 70 lbs. in the experimental group versus 20 lbs. in placeho treated subjects. The reatment group experienced a lignificant increase in biciper circumference that was more than flow times that of the placeho group, who experienced shown to increase in biciper circumference (ps000). There were no significant changes between the two groups in quadriceps circumference, 76 body fat, 76 lean body muss, weight, or hody mass index.

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Based upon the observations from laboratory experiments, in order for Endothis<sup>104</sup>-CR to creet a maximal effect it must be incorporated into an exercise routine. The exercise routine will have the most impact if it incorporates routines that produce nuclee calcustion. For example, doing patigns just aly our advolved of the floor and then trying to do one more poshup, or doing situps until your advolved in the most and then doing its more situps. As mentioned at the outset, this kind of training should not be either over done or under done. It is not our goal to produce extensive damage with the idea that the greater the damage the greater the absorpour through growth. The, the exercise should result in roungly inchemia, (as defined as a decrease in the amount of oxygen containing blood to the muscle colls) and muscle arrain (trauma) to produce the required signals for regait. Hence, for practical purposes, the end point of this kind of training is exertion to the point of exhaustion.

purposes, the end point of this kind of training in exertion to the point of exhaustion. It should be emphasized that the limpure of ECR is probably to augment a naturally occurring sequence of events that normally follows exercise to exhaustion; it is not to overlay a different process or to cause the hody to do something unmatural, attend our tunnaul. However, the result is something extraordinary in that a possibly synergistic relationship exists between hypotia and ECR in the suprogulation of 47-mass, a result greater than that produced by certain done.

Ultimately, the increase in muscle mass depends upon the recruitment and differentiation of progenitor cells into muscle cells. Eshaustive cerecise causes bypoxta, ischemia, and muscle cell damage in localized areas of muscle, which in turn produce the iguilst than attract progenitor cells. Due to its howen pharmacology in relationship to 47-nass, the core compound in ECR in hypothesized to likewise stimulate the migration of progenitor cells from the bone marrow and blood stream to the oxygen starved, flatigued titoue to rebuild muscle 1t bound also enhance the microwaculature of muscles which improves the efficiency of the recruitment of prognitor cells.

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The mode of action in both cases (hypoxia and ECR) appears to be activation and upregulation of a2-nar in conjunction with similar activation arising from the presence of signals arising from the chanacter muscle. These ugains are probably in the form of reclusions and growth betoes. Differentiation at the site of the sore muscle cells occurs in the presence of activated a2-nars and improved copyers and nutrient supply arising from improved microwaculature and a lead of progenitor cells. Together, this mixture of factors results in differentiation, repair and growth. In addition, it is hypothesized that the core compound in ECR is attracted to the site of trauma and acts to suggested the differentiation and profileration prosecoses though any number of ways, but especially in attracting more progenitor cells to the area, which get caught up in the requir and growth processes through a resulting in a net gain not possible without the presence of the ECR compound.

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It should be noted that Endothil\*\*-CR is not a miracle pill that will make your muscles grow-while you sleep. ECR is an extremely specific and potent natural product that is believed to tanget the molecular and cellular mechanisms central to the spair and growth of muscle cells. By augmenting exercise-induced recruitment of muscle progenitor cells, ECR is believed to work in synergy with the metabolic cellects of exercise in increase muscle are and attength.

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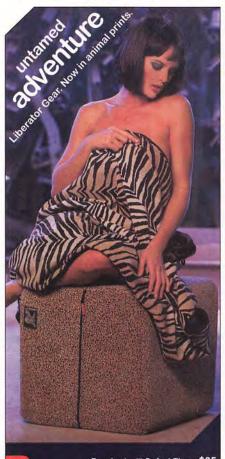
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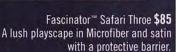
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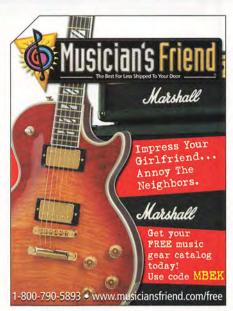




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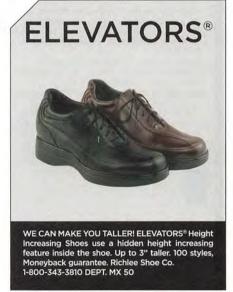














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rounds, but our crack team of researchers has determined that not everything on the Internet is true. And while a British man was accused in 1991 of masturbating a dolphin named Freddie in front of a boat full of divers, he was later acquitted in court. But that doesn't mean dolphin molestation doesn't happen. "There are definitely people who are very into dolphins," says Hani Miletski, Ph.D., a sex therapist and the author of *Understanding Bestiality and Zoophilia*. "They go to places where you pay to swim with dolphins and get aroused simply by being next to them." However, if you're planning on defiling Flipper, be careful: Males have prehensile penises—i.e., their schlongs grasp on to things. So go slowly and, to avoid cramping, be sure to wait at least 10 minutes before getting into the water.

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run out of fuel. In 1983 an Air Canada flight ran dry after a metric conversion to determine how much fuel was on board went awry, but they managed to crash-land with no casual-

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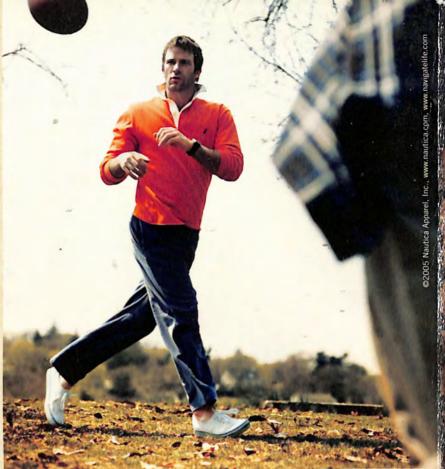


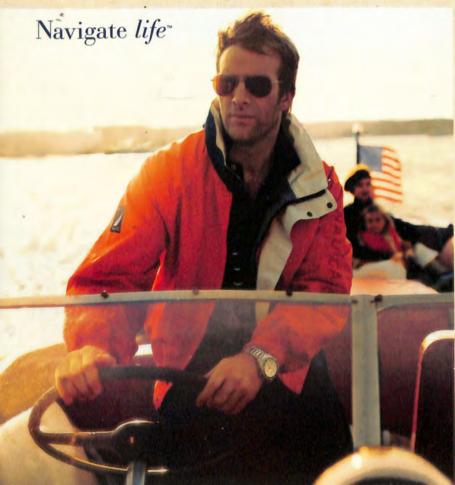
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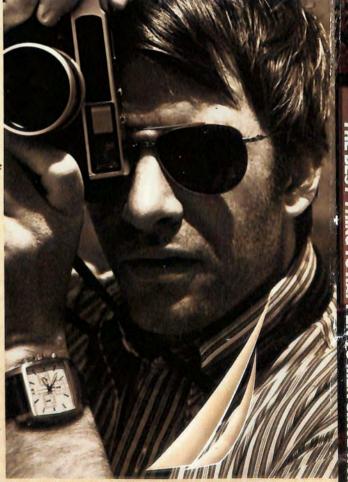
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